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2506th MEETING

Held in New York on Monday, 19 December 1983, at 3.30 p.m.

President: Mr. Max VAN DER STOEL (Netherlands).

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, Guyana, Jordan, Malta, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Poland, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

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1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Complaint by Angola against South Africa:
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The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Complaint by Angola against South Africa:
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1. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with decisions taken at the previous meetings on this item [*2504th and 2505th meetings*], I invite the representative of Angola to take a place at the Council table; I invite the representatives of Argentina, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, the German Democratic Republic, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Portugal, Somalia, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia to take the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de Figueiredo (Angola) took a place at the Council table; Mr. Muñiz (Argentina), Mr. Legwaila (Botswana), Mr. Maciel (Brazil), Mr. Pelletier (Canada), Mr. Khalil (Egypt), Mr. Ott (German Democratic Republic), Mr. Krishnan (India), Mr. Treiki (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Mr. Ould Hamody (Mauritania), Mr. Dos Santos (Mozambique), Mr. Anyaoku (Nigeria), Mr. Medina (Portugal), Mr. Adan (Somalia), Mr. von Schirnding (South Africa), Mr. Rupia (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Golob (Yugoslavia) and Mr. Lusaka (Zambia) took the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber.

2. The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members of the Council that I have received letters from the representatives of Benin and Ethiopia in which they request to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose with the consent of the Council to invite those representatives to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Ogouma (Benin) and Mr. Seifu (Ethiopia) took the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber.

3. The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members of the Council that I have received a letter dated 19 December from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, which reads as follows:

> "On behalf of the Special Committee, I have the honour to request, under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure, to be invited to participate in the Council's consideration of the complaint by Angola against South Africa."

4. On previous occasions, the Security Council has extended invitations to representatives of other United Nations bodies in connection with the consideration of matters on its agenda. In accordance with past practice in this matter, I propose that the Council extend an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

It was so decided.

5. Mr. de La BARRE de NANTEUIL (France) (*interpretation from French*): Once again the Council has met to consider the complaint of an African State

against the South African Republic, but today's debate differs from previous ones because of the seriousness of the accusations which have been levelled against Pretoria. It is not only a question of selective attacks and of more or less brief incursions. To quote the actual terms of the letter of the representative of Angola, above all it is a question of "the occupation since 1981 of parts" of the southern part of that country by the South African armed forces.

6. My delegation listened with extreme attention to the statement made by Mr. de Figueiredo [*2504th meeting*]. We should like to assure him of the profound sympathy of the French Government for the Angolan people, who have not known a day of peace since their independence and who regularly have to cope with murderous raids and serious devastation.

7. France is resolutely on the side of Angola in this test. The relationship of friendship and co-operation which unites our two countries has been considerably strengthened. Our political dialogue has never been so intense, as is indicated by the visit which has just been made to Luanda by President Mitterrand's Adviser on African affairs.

8. The position of my country is without ambiguity. France condemns any occupation, wherever it occurs in the world. Hence, we condemn the two-year-old occupation of the southern part of Angola by South African armed forces. Today we once again condemn this typical attack against Angolan sovereignty. We demand the withdrawal of South African troops and respect by that country for the territorial integrity of Angola.

9. In this connection, my delegation has taken note of the letter which the South African Minister of Foreign Affairs and Information addressed on 15 December to the Secretary-General [*S/16219, annex I*]. This letter is deserving of close scrutiny, and we await the opinion of the Secretary-General on it.

10. Nevertheless, my delegation can already state that it deeply deplores the fact that the South African Minister in that letter reiterates the position of his country, asserting a "linkage" between the implementation of resolution 435 (1978) and a matter which is exclusively germane to the sovereignty of Angola.

11. On 27 May of this year [*2447th meeting*], my delegation made a solemn appeal to South Africa in this very chamber, warning it against the risks of violence breaking out throughout the region. Today I reiterate that appeal. The mechanism of peace must now be set in motion. It depends above all on the South African Government whether or not this comes to pass.

12. Mr. MASHINGAIDZE (Zimbabwe): Mr. President, we of the Zimbabwe delegation are exceedingly happy that the Council is considering the situation in Angola under your wise and careful guidance. We are happy, too, that your very rich past experience and well-known diplomatic skills, as well as your profound knowledge of the unhappy situation prevailing in the whole southern African region, will be brought to bear upon our deliberations. I wish to assure you of my delegation's full co-operation with you in your efforts to find correct and just solutions to the question before the Council now, and any other questions arising during the rest of your presidency.

13. Through you, Mr. President, I also wish to express my delegation's admiration for the most exemplary manner in which your predecessor, our dear colleague and friend Mr. Gauci, representative of Malta, performed the duties of President last month.

14. The Council is meeting now because parts of southern Angolan territory have been continuously occupied by the armed forces of the racist Pretoria régime since August 1981, gravely violating Angola's territorial integrity and also threatening its security, peace and national sovereignty. Moreover, *apartheid* South Africa's military occupation of Angolan territory during these past 28 months represents a very serious violation of the sacred purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which, *inter alia*, enjoin any Members of the United Nations that find themselves involved in disputes to settle such disputes peacefully, in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered, and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State.

15. It has been observed, and correctly too, that since their independence in 1975 the main and most pressing preoccupation or concern of the Angolan people has been a desperate quest for security, peace and the consolidation of its very hard-won freedom and sovereignty. This has been so because Angola, under its Revolutionary Government, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), has been and continues to be the target of Pretoria's unprovoked aggression. The massive invasion of 1981, which led to the continuous military occupation of parts of southern Angola, must therefore be correctly seen as a dramatic escalation of South Africa's long-declared policy of brutal aggression against and destabilization of Angola.

16. Equally true is the observation that Pretoria's continuous campaigns of naked aggression and intimidation against Angola in violation of the Charter and of international law have only been matched by the MPLA leadership's deep faith and trust in the United Nations and especially in the Council, the only body primarily responsible for the maintenance of international peace and security. Angola's deep respect for international law and its faith in the purposes and principles of the Organization are a matter of public record, as the Council was reminded by the representative of Angola in his statement on 16 December [*2504th meeting*]. The Angolan Government, its representative reminded us,

has appealed to the Council in March 1976, May 1978, March and November 1979, June 1980 and August 1981.

17. Why should the *apartheid* Pretoria régime be allowed to undermine and threaten the bedrock principles of international law with such impunity? When will the Council take appropriate measures to restrain that régime's persistent campaigns of terror and murder against Angola? Or does the Council accept the South African Government representative's justification of his Government's criminal behaviour—that is, as he told the Council on 16 December [*ibid.*], that South Africa's military occupation of southern Angola is for the protection of Namibians against the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO)?

18. Such an assertion is totally unacceptable to the oppressed masses of Namibia and is extremely offensive to the peoples of our region and the African continent. How arrogant of a régime which has been militarily occupying Namibia in defiance of United Nations decisions and resolutions for decades. The Council must reject any attempt to justify *apartheid* aggression against Angola, for there are no circumstances, either in the Charter or in international law governing inter-State relations, in which the invasion and occupation of one State by another can be justified. Moreover, Angola, which shares no common border with South Africa, poses no threat to that country. It must also be borne in mind that while South Africa has been carrying out numerous air and ground attacks in Angola, killing and maiming defenceless civilians and committing acts of sabotage against vital economic installations and infrastructure, not a single Angolan soldier has been seen on South African soil.

19. If South Africa is really seriously looking for SWAPO freedom fighters, as we have been told, then it should direct its murderous forces where SWAPO fighters are to be found—in Namibia itself. The South African Government knows as well as, if not even better than, any of us here that SWAPO freedom fighters are not in Angola or, for that matter, in any independent State in the region, but inside Namibia itself. Indeed, an examination of the list of SWAPO attacks against the South African forces, as furnished by the South African representative here on 16 December, will show that the Namibian liberation war is being fought inside Namibia and not in Angola.

20. We must make it very clear that we of the front-line States and Nigeria are very gravely concerned about racist South Africa's continued military occupation of parts of southern Angola. We are also convinced that this concern is shared by all justice-loving and peace-loving peoples. Accordingly, we join Angola in demanding that régime's denunciation and condemnation by the Council. We also support Angola's demand that the régime be required to cease its hostile acts and to withdraw its occupation forces forthwith and unconditionally. Moreover, as South Africa's aggression and military occupation of southern Angola have caused massive losses of human lives and in material terms, the Pretoria Government should pay full compensation to Angola.

21. South Africa's bogus announcement on 15 December [*S/16219, annex I*] that it was considering a disengagement of its murderous forces from Angola on 31 January 1984 should not deceive anyone here. If South Africa is really serious about disengaging from Angola, it should demonstrate its seriousness by action, that is, by pulling its forces from that country forthwith and unconditionally. The fact that this so-called intention to disengage has been qualified with conditions simply reduces the announcement to a mere restating of the linkage issue, which has been soundly condemned and totally rejected by the Security Council, by the General Assembly, by the Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries and by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU). South Africa must be told in no uncertain terms that the Council has no intention of buying this old and threadbare hat, now or in future. The Council and the entire international community are now quite familiar with the racist régime's doubletrack strategy of talking about peace while its troops are advancing deep into Angolan territory.

22. Nothing but the immediate and unconditional calling off of hostilities against Angola, followed by the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of South Africa's forces, will convince us of South Africa's seriousness about disengagement. Consequently, therefore, we sincerely request the Council to adopt the draft resolution to be put before it [*S/16226*], as we are convinced that such a move by the Council will be a modest contribution towards peace and security for Angola.

23. Mr. ICAZA GALLARD (Nicaragua) (*interpretation from Spanish*): Before turning to the subject before us, I should like to express the satisfaction of my delegation at seeing you, Sir, presiding over the Council. Your country and mine have splendid relations based on mutual respect and understanding.

24. South Africa's policy of aggression and intervention in the internal affairs of Angola goes back to a time prior to the independence of that fraternal country, when South Africa tried in vain to halt the progress of the national liberation movements and struggles in Angola and Mozambique and to perpetuate colonial domination and exploitation in southern Africa.

25. The people's victories in Mozambique and Angola under the leadership of the Mozambique Liberation Front (FRELIMO) and the MPLA constitute a risk, in the estimation of the imperialists, to their neocolonial strategy in that part of Africa and a threat to South African colonial domination in Namibia. To thwart the MPLA victory, the Pretoria Government gave massive support to other pro-imperialist movements. Against

the determination of the Angolan people, however, all these manoeuvres were useless, and the MPLA was the victor, the indisputable repository of the power of the fraternal people of Angola.

26. Recent history shows us that from 1975 on, South Africa's policy of aggression against Angola was stepped up alarmingly. South African armed forces have been widely used, particularly the South African Defence Force (SADF). The struggle of the Angolan people has not ceased. It is an incomparable struggle which takes many forms. It is an anti-colonialist, anti-imperialist struggle; it is a struggle for independence, sovereignty and dignity. All these years, starting with the proclamation of Angola's independence by that outstanding patriot Agostinho Neto on 11 November 1975, have been difficult years during which there has been a strong determination to win, and the courage of the Angolan people and international solidarity have inflicted defeat after defeat on colonialist and imperialist forces. Between March 1976 and June 1979, regular forces of the South African army have caused the deaths of at least 570 Angolans, 612 Namibians and 198 Zimbabwians, the latter who had been made refugees by conditions in their places of origin at the time of the events involved. South African aggression during that period also caused financial losses of $293.3 million.

27. During all that time and still to this day, South Africa has maintained an undeclared war against Angola involving thousands of soldiers equipped with the most modern weapons. This state of affairs became particularly serious from 1981 on. Inspired, stimulated and encouraged by aggressive and bellicose statements by the Reagan Administration, which had recently come to power, the South African Government carried out its sinister plans of aggression on a major scale, which concluded with the infamous "Operation Protea" in August that year. That criminal military operation involved 11,000 South African soldiers, more than 100 tanks, missiles, almost 100 military aircraft and, in sum, all the machinery of extermination. No change of policy has taken place since then. Vast expanses of Angolan territory are still occupied by thousands of South African soldiers, and the Angolan people continues to be victim of South Africa's policy of aggression and occupation.

28. At this stage, no one can ignore the fact that Angola has been constantly subjected to an unequal war which, because of the support or indifference of the "champions of freedom and democracy" in our hemisphere, has legitimized whatever means have been used by that fraternal country for its defence. Given this undeniable situation, Angola, in exercise of its sovereign will, has appealed to international solidarity in order to reinforce its lines of defence and to cope with a numerically superior enemy filled with mercenaries, the same kind of mercenaries as those who fill the pages of the magazine *Soldier of Fortune*, which month after month narrates the deeds that these mercenaries are continuing to perpetrate against the peoples of Angola and Namibia as if they were epic feats.

29. During the same year 1981—which for Angola and Nicaragua marked an aggravation of aggression for identical reasons—the United States Administration, going against all common sense and logic, in order to abort talks which were under way, invented the so-called "linkage" or "parallelism" which would tie the independence of Namibia to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. This pretext has been firmly rejected by the international community, and only the United States and South Africa still cling desperately to it. Why is South Africa demanding the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola? Why does it feel threatened? In any case, Angola is not a neighbouring country to South Africa, since vast territories separate the two countries: Namibia and Botswana are between them. Only the guilty criminal conscience of South Africa could feel threatened. Angola, for its part, has demonstrated a consistent policy of honesty and decency. The Angolans are peace-loving people who have never attacked, nor do they wish to attack, anyone. They wish to live in peace and fight only against underdevelopment and for a future of well-being and progress. It is a right which must be allowed all peoples —the people of Nicaragua and the people of Angola— whose dignity and freedom have been historically taken away, and, today when they are recovered, are trying to maintain that dignity and freedom at the cost of pain, heroism and sacrifice.

30. The only "linkage" or "parallelism" that can be established in this situation of Angola is the similarity between it and other situations of aggression that other peoples are suffering under, like the Nicaraguan people. In each of those cases a major Power, through its policeman in the area, is making threats and carrying out acts of aggression and destabilization, using mercenary troops. Our vehemence in denouncing the situation in Angola is legitimate, since we have had personal experience with the consequences of the actions of a Power which believes it has the right to act lawlessly whenever it wishes, and feels it can dictate to other countries what democracy means and how they should organize their economic, political and social systems. Our vehemence is due also to the shared pain of our peoples, our solidarity and our fraternal spirit, our awareness that Angola and Nicaragua are waging a similar struggle against a common enemy, for independence, national sovereignty, social justice, freedom and dignity.

31. Today the Council has a responsibility to fulfil with regard to the people of Angola. The injustice with which we must deal is not and cannot be a subject for debate. Is there any kind of "international law" that declares South Africa's unlawful occupation of Angola to be legal? It seems to us that only in the philosophical and political schemes of the United States Administration would such conduct be permissible. After "Operation Protea" in 1981, the represen-

tative of the United States vetoed the draft resolution [*S/14664/Rev.2*] which condemned South Africa and demanded the withdrawal of its troops. Because of that veto the unlawful occupation of part of the territory of Angola continues, and once again we have before us this same problem to consider.

32. Let us not deceive ourselves. South Africa has engaged in a new manoeuvre, outlined in the letter of 15 December of this year from the Foreign Minister of the racist régime to the Secretary-General [*S/16219, annex I*], in which the Government of South Africa talks about the "disengagement" of the forces of occupation and persists in its determination to link the implementation of resolution 435 (1978) to the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola. That letter is one more insult to the fraternal Republic of Angola and to the international community, for it tries to present as a concession what is no more than an unfulfilled obligation that has been ignored for many years. This recent manoeuvre must also be rejected by the international community, for it brings nothing new or positive but merely reiterates unlawful and unacceptable conditions that have already been universally repudiated.

33. We would reiterate that Angola must not be asked to make any kind of concession, nor must any conditions be imposed on it. It is South Africa which must unconditionally withdraw its occupation forces. It is South Africa which must compensate Angola for the tremendous damages caused its people during these years of occupation and aggression. It is South Africa on which, for the good of mankind, codes of conduct must be imposed. It is that régime which has traditionally violated international law and the resolutions of the United Nations and will continue to do so as long as it has the support of its powerful allies and the protection of the "constructive engagement" it maintains with one of the permanent members of the Security Council.

34. To conclude, we wish to indicate how impressed we were with the questions raised by the representative of Angola in his statement before the Council on 16 December—questions which cause us to reflect, because of their validity in respect to all the occasions on which the Council has not faced up to its obligations. We join in the cry of anguish of the Angolan people and repeat here those key questions:

> "In the face of the Council's impotence and inability to help Angola, the victim of racist aggression, in the face of its paralysis because of the veto exercised by a super-Power, to what court of justice should the people of Angola turn? In which international forum should we seek redress? Which international organization will deliver Angola—and, indeed, all of southern Africa—from the criminal madness of this monster in our midst?" [*2504th meeting, para. 18.*]

35. Mr. NATORF (Poland): At the very outset, Sir, I wish to congratulate you on your assumption of the presidency for the month of December. It is the profound conviction of my delegation that under your able guidance, which stems from your diplomatic skill and experience, the Council will successfully discharge its responsibilities.

36. May I also take this opportunity to express our high appreciation to Mr. Gauci, of Malta, who conducted our proceedings in the month of November in the most exemplary and efficient manner.

37. My delegation wishes to state its position on the Angolan request that the Council consider again the continued aggression being perpetrated against that country by the racist régime of South Africa. The military aggression of the Pretoria régime should be a subject of most serious concern for every Member of the United Nations, and of the Security Council in particular.

38. This is not the first time that Angola has presented its case before the Council. In its resolution 387 (1976), the Council demanded respect for Angola's sovereignty and territorial integrity; in its resolution 428 (1978), it demanded an unconditional withdrawal of all South African forces from Angola, and repeated these calls in resolutions 447 (1979), 454 (1979), 475 (1980) and others. The facts about the South African aggression against Angola cannot be denied by anyone; they are beyond a shadow of a doubt. The brutality of South African military actions has been confirmed by numerous United Nations fact-finding missions, and have been reported in the press and by other witnesses. The massive and prolonged presence of the racist troops on a part of Angolan soil, as well as their terrorist acts in the period 1975 to mid-1982, have been amply presented in a White Paper which the Angolan Government has had circulated [*S/16198, annex*]. The representative of Angola furnished us with new evidence confirming the seriousness of the situation [*2504th meeting*].

39. It is clear and beyond any doubt that Angola is a victim of continued aggression, with all the dramatic consequences and implications that has for that country and for the international situation as well. The territorial integrity of Angola has been violated. South African forces and mercenaries have penetrated as deep as 100 miles inside Angolan territory, inflicting destruction, sowing terror, bringing death and causing suffering among the civilian Angolan population and Namibian refugees. On-the-ground military operations and aircraft attacks are frequent. The damage to the Angolan economy is serious. The reports on brutalities of South African forces multiply.

40. These actions have been the subject of condemnation not only by the United Nations. In this respect the representative of India reminded us of the position of his country, of the movement of Non-Aligned Countries, and of the Commonwealth Heads of Government at their meeting at New Delhi. The Political Declaration of the State Parties to the Warsaw Treaty adopted at

Prague on 5 January 1983 also condemned South Africa for its unlawful occupation of Namibia and for converting that occupied African Territory into a base for aggression against neighbouring African States [*see S/15556, annex*].

41. We heard the claim by the representative of South Africa that steps had been taken "with a view to facilitating the process of achieving a peaceful settlement" [*see S/16219, annex I*]. Those claims were designed as a smoke-screen to hide the real intentions of his Government.

42. As was emphasized by the representative of India in his statement on 16 December, it is clear that "this is yet another diversionary tactic which is part of the overall strategy of South Africa" [*2504th meeting, para. 67*].

43. Those South African claims were accompanied by unfounded charges and allegations kept in the tone of impudence and audacious warnings. Carefully selected words from the ideological vocabulary of anti-communism were used, some to intimidate South Africa's neighbours, others to please certain listeners with the colourful vision of South African commando troops and notorious mercenaries in the defense of African rampart from communism.

44. The ideological smoke-screen thrown up by South Africa is not thick enough, however, to cover the real racist face of the Pretoria régime. The people of Poland know well what racism means. In the not-so-distant past they themselves were the victims of this dreadful theory and practice which, combined with militarism, led to Nazi aggression against Poland and the outbreak of the Second World War. They will never forget it. This is one of the reasons why my country renders its unswerving support to Angola and other African States, victims of the policy of aggression of South Africa.

45. The statement by the representative of the South African régime proves that his Government continues to neglect the clearly expressed will of the international community. Its implications are extremely serious, as it implies an alleged South African right to continue military actions against Angola and to keep a South African military presence there. The Council cannot remain indifferent in the face of these threats.

46. We would also expect that those Western countries which continue to collaborate, politically and militarily, with the Pretoria régime will stop doing so and will strictly implement the 11 Security Council resolutions, including resolution 418 (1977) concerning the arms embargo against South Africa.

47. The situation created on the Angolan border constitutes a serious violation of the Charter of the United Nations and should be treated as such. At the same time, we are faced with the persistence of South African intransigence and belligerence. It is time now to step beyond mere condemnations of South African aggression and calls to withdraw its forces from Angola. If the Council is to carry out its primary responsibility for restoring international peace and stability in the south of Africa, we must be prepared to adopt appropriate measures under Chapter VII of the Charter.

48. Mr. Shah NAWAZ (Pakistan): The Security Council has been considering complaints of aggression by South Africa against the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Angola ever since Angola's independence in 1975. The first such complaint was brought to the Council in 1976 by the Chairman of the Group of African States at the United Nations [*S/12007*] on the recommendation of the Council of Ministers of the OAU. The present complaint is the sixth in a series of complaints brought before the Security Council by Angola itself.

49. On five previous occasions, the Council responded positively to these complaints by adopting resolutions strongly condemning South Africa for its premeditated, persistent and sustained invasion of Angola through the international Territory of Namibia, which it occupies illegally. At the same time, the Council demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of South African military forces from Angolan territory and called upon the Government of South Africa to pay compensation to the people of Angola for the resulting damage and destruction. In its resolution 428 (1978), the Council decided to meet again

> "in the event of further acts of violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola . . . in order to consider the adoption of more effective measures, in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including Chapter VII thereof".

50. It is a matter of regret, however, that when, in August 1981, South Africa once again invaded and occupied a part of Angolan territory, the Council was not able to take the required action to secure the withdrawal of the South African troops. The lack of effective response by the Council to South Africa's aggressive action against Angola at the time has encouraged South Africa to continue its aggressive activities with impunity and emboldened it to remain in occupation of parts of Angola's territory.

51. In his statement before the Council on 16 December [*2504th meeting*], the representative of Angola reminded the Council of the aggression to which his country has been subjected since its independence on 11 November 1975 and what he called the full-scale war unleashed by South Africa against his country since 1981. He gave detailed information about the places where five South African battalions are at present deployed in Angola.

52. The reasons for South Africa's sustained aggressive activities against Angola and its continued occu-

pation of Angolan territory are well known. It is no secret that South Africa's actions against Angola are calculated to preserve its inhuman system of *apartheid*, perpetuate its control and domination of Namibia and intimidate the front-line States into not extending support to SWAPO and the liberation movements in South Africa.

53. In a vain attempt to justify its aggression against Angola, South Africa has claimed the right of hot pursuit of SWAPO freedom fighters inside Angolan territory. The United Nations has categorically rejected this claim. The United Nations has repeatedly called for early independence for Namibia and has accorded recognition to SWAPO as the true representative of the Namibian people. South Africa has no legitimate status or authority over Namibia. Its control of the Territory has been declared illegal by the United Nations. Accordingly, its actions undertaken from Namibian soil in the name of protecting Namibian interests are devoid of legality. They are aimed solely at consolidating South Africa's stranglehold over Namibia and its continued exploitation of the riches of that Territory.

54. The timing of the offer of disengagement made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of South Africa in his letter addressed to the Secretary-General [*S/16219, annex I*] raises the legitimate suspicion that it is tactical in nature and limited in objective. Its aim appears to be to avoid condemnation by the Council of South Africa's continued occupation of Angolan territory. It skirts the central issue of the withdrawal of South African troops from Angola's territory and instead holds out a promise of disengagement under conditions which, if accepted, would amount to the United Nations endorsing South Africa's purported justification of its lawless actions against Angola. If the offer had any credibility whatsoever, that has been destroyed by South Africa's dispatch of four columns of its armoured corps on an offensive in the Angolan province of Huila, immediately after announcing its disengagement proposal.

55. Non-interference in the internal affairs of States and non-acquisition of territory by force are quintessential principles of the Charter of the United Nations. These principles do not admit of any exception and must be applied with equal authority and force whenever and wherever foreign invasion or occupation takes place. In addressing itself to such violations of the Charter, the Council can fulfil its special responsibility under the Charter only by taking firm action in support of those principles.

56. Accordingly, the Council has the inescapable obligation to reiterate its strong condemnation of South Africa's aggression and continued occupation of part of Angola. Consistent with its previous decisions, the Council is required once again to demand the unconditional and immediate withdrawal of South Africa's occupation forces from the territory of Angola.

57. Having determined in the past that Angola has been a victim of aggression by South Africa and has suffered extensive loss of life and property, it is incumbent on the Council to reaffirm Angola's right to full compensation for those losses.

58. Pakistan will lend its unreserved support to any firm action by the Council aimed at ensuring South Africa's unconditional and speedy withdrawal from Angola which, in our view, would facilitate the early independence of Namibia and contribute towards the promotion of peace and security in the region.

59. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, Mr. Emmeka Anyaoku. I welcome him and invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

60. Mr. ANYAOKU (Nigeria): Mr. President, as this is the first time that I have spoken here since my appointment as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria, I should like to begin by expressing my gratitude to you and to all the other representatives in the Council for this opportunity to make a statement here. I should also like to congratulate you warmly on your recent assumption of the presidency for the month of December.

61. The complaint that the Government of Angola has brought to the Council against the racist régime of South Africa is a serious and legitimate one. Since its attainment of independence in 1975, Angola has been the victim of persistent and blatant military aggression by the forces of the racist régime of South Africa. These attacks, which are clearly unprovoked, have culminated in the open invasion and occupation by South African forces of a substantial part of Angolan territory. Both the military attacks and the occupation of Angolan territory represent a violation of international law as well as of the Charter of the United Nations. They are also a clear threat to the peace and stability of the whole region of southern Africa, a vital part of the continent.

62. The racist régime of South Africa has sought to justify its irresponsible military attacks on Angola on several grounds. First, that its military operations were being undertaken in hot pursuit of freedom fighters of SWAPO near Angola's southern border. If that is the case, why did the racist régime not accept the offer made by the late President Agostinho Neto of Angola for the establishment of a demilitarized zone on the border between Namibia and Angola? South Africa does not share a border with Angola, and its use of Namibia—over which its Mandate was revoked by the United Nations—as a spring-board for military attacks against Angola is a gross violation of the international status of Namibia.

63. The racist régime has also sought to justify these reprehensible military attacks on the grounds that there are Cuban forces in Angola. But those forces went to Angola at the invitation of the Angolan Government, in its legitimate right of the exercise of self-defence. Even while the MPLA Government was assuming

power upon Angola's independence, the racist régime of South Africa, in collaboration with internal dissident forces and certain external interests, was already preparing the ground for the military subversion of the newly independent State.

64. Over the years, successive Governments of the Federal Republic of Nigeria have expressed profound concern and dismay over South Africa's invasion and occupation of Angola. We fully support the Government of Angola in the measures it has taken to seek protection and security for itself. We cannot accept the right which South Africa and its allies arrogate to themselves to intervene at will in the internal and external affairs of Angola. They have no right whatever to dictate to Angola on matters concerning its own national security and survival.

65. The recent decision of the Council to reject the so-called linkage between Namibia's independence and Cuban forces in Angola [*resolution 539 (1983)*] is not only timely but fully consistent with the basic principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations. As the President of Nigeria, Shehu Shagari, said in a recent major statement on the southern Africa situation, Angola cannot legitimately be held hostage to a settlement in Namibia. There is a vital principle involved here for which, collectively, the international community has a moral responsibility. Military might by one State does not confer on it the right to dictate to others. There are other norms of international behaviour to which all States, big or small, powerful or weak, rich or poor, are bound. A breach of this basic principle is surely a prescription for international chaos and anarchy.

66. For far too long, the racist régime of South Africa, with the open connivance and support of some of its Western allies, has with impunity been on a military rampage in southern Africa. Thousands of innocent lives have been lost and billions of dollars' worth of property has been damaged. The national economy of Angola has been under constant siege by the persistent military attacks from South Africa. Restitution to Angola for this severe dislocation of its national economy is certainly due from South Africa.

67. In conclusion, let me say that Africa expects some action by the Council in calling South Africa to order. It expects that this draft resolution on Angola's complaints against South Africa [*S/16226*] will receive the careful and sympathetic consideration of the Council. Angola has for far too long been denied justice by those whose sinister motives have become only too apparent. I ask all the representatives on the Council to support this draft resolution, which is the result of very wide-ranging consultations.

68. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

69. Mr. TREIKI (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) (*interpretation from Arabic*): At the outset I should like to congratulate you, Sir, on your assumption of the presidency for this month. I am confident that you will lead the Council's deliberations to the best results, due to your long experience in the diplomatic and political field.

70. I should also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to my friend, Mr. Gauci of Malta, for the exemplary manner in which he conducted the work of the Council last month.

71. This is not the first time the Council has met to consider South Africa's acts of aggression against Angola and occupation of part of its territory. I do not think that it will be the last, given South Africa's intransigent policy and the Council's failure to impose deterrent measures against it.

72. The people of Angola, which for many years fought and sacrificed thousands of lives to rid themselves of Portuguese colonialism, on the eve of independence found themselves threatened by a new colonialism, this time by the *apartheid* régime of South Africa which, as soon as it heard of the independence of Angola, sent its forces over Angola's borders to terrorize the Angolan people and put them under racist colonialist sway, as it did with the people of Namibia. Despite the failure of its first attempt, it persisted in its repeated acts of aggression and violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola, even occupying part of its territory permanently through the use of gangs of UNITA [*National Union for the Total Independence of Angola*] and mercenaries to undertake acts of subversion inside Angola in order to undermine the country's infrastructure and prevent it from achieving social and economic progress.

73. The facts relating to this question have been the subject of much correspondence addressed to the President of the Council by the representative of Angola, as well as of statements by the representative of Angola before this Council, the latest on 16 December [*2504th meeting*]. I need not dwell at length on the acts of aggression perpetrated by South Africa; however, it may be useful to mention that the Council has repeatedly met to discuss the attacks by South Africa on Angola and other African States. Yet it has so far failed to take any measures to stop a repetition of those acts.

74. The racist régime continues its defiance of United Nations resolutions, its attacks on neighbouring countries, the violation of their sovereignty and its continued occupation of Namibia and parts of Angola. It has continuously attempted to fabricate threadbare pretexts to justify its acts of aggression and, through its friends, to prevent the Council from adopting any measures which might compel it to comply with the will of the international community, put an end to its occupation of Namibia and stop its aggression against neighbouring countries. The latest of these manoeuvres is the

message sent by the representative of the racist régime to the Secretary-General [*S/16219*] following Angola's request that a meeting of the Council be convened. This manoeuvre aims only at deceiving the Council and preventing it from fulfilling its responsibilities. The message says nothing new; it makes no mention of the withdrawal of the racist forces from Angolan territory, but rather confirms the insistence of the *apartheid* régime on the linkage of the withdrawal of the Cuban forces from Angola and the independence of Namibia, a linkage which the international community has rejected as interference in Angola's internal affairs.

75. South African forces should be withdrawn from Angola forthwith and unconditionally. South Africa must also cease its attacks on neighbouring countries and declare its willingness to implement the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia, approved by the Council in resolution 435 (1978). The attempt to introduce matters which are extraneous to that resolution, such as the withdrawal of the Cuban forces from Angola, can be regarded only as an attempt to delay Namibia's independence and to perpetuate the exploitation of its resources. Those who help the South African régime to persist in its policy must realize that they are helping the enemy of Africa. They must end their political hypocrisy and declare frankly whether they are on the side of Africa and its peoples and the right of the African peoples to live as human beings and to enjoy freedom and their fundamental rights, or are on the side of the *apartheid* régime and against the majority of the members of the international community.

76. Peace and security and Africa are threatened by the presence of the *apartheid* régime of South Africa, its illegal occupation of Namibia and part of Angolan territory and its continuous attacks on the front-line States. The Council must fulfil its responsibility by taking the following measures to guarantee the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola and all the other front-line States. First, the Security Council must condemn South Africa's acts of aggression against Angola and its occupation of part of Angolan territory, as well as its violation of Angola's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. Secondly, it must ensure the prompt withdrawal of South African forces from Angolan territory. Thirdly, it must impose comprehensive, mandatory sanctions against the *apartheid* régime under Chapter VII of the Charter.

77. Finally, I affirm Libya's solidarity with Angola and the other front-line States against the repeated attacks by the *apartheid* régime and its continuous violations of their sovereignty. I appeal to the members of the Council to take the necessary measures to stop this aggression and to ensure the withdrawal of the racist forces from all Angolan territory.

78. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of Mauritania. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

79. Mr. OULD HAMODY (Mauritania) (*interpretation from French*): The delegation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania wishes to express its satisfaction at seeing such a skilled diplomat as yourself, Sir, presiding over the Council for the month of December. Our country enjoys fruitful bilateral co-operation with your country, the Netherlands, within the European Community—Africa—Caribbean—Pacific framework, co-operation symbolic of what can and should be the relationship of equality and mutual interest between Africa and Europe.

80. I also congratulate my friend Victor Gauci, of Malta, who presided over the Council during the month of November with the discretion and skill for which he is known. I am particularly pleased to say this, since the personal actions of Mr. Gauci and the policies of Malta have always been distinguished by sympathy for the just causes of Africa and the Arab world, sympathy that we very much appreciate.

81. Finally, I thank all the members of the Council for having allowed us to take part in its important debates.

82. The international community must surely recognize that the Government and the brother people of Angola have for two years shown great patience when faced with the irresponsible and dangerous actions of South Africa, which threaten peace, security and international law.

83. We all know that since 1981, after a series of repeated raids into Angola, the racist South African régime has permanently occupied part of the national territory of that country, attempting to destabilize the régime, carrying out massive destruction of industrial and agricultural installations and committing intolerable atrocities.

84. The lame excuses used are too well known for me to need to go through them.

85. We are all familiar with the perverse theory that a solution to the Namibian crisis is to be found by aggression in Angola. I am sure that the Council has not been taken in by this. The only solution to that problem is the ending of the illegal usurpation of the Territory and the exercise by the Namibian people of its right to self-determination on the basis of resolution 435 (1978).

86. Painstaking attempts have been to find a reason for this violation of Angola's sovereignty and attack on its territorial integrity in the East-West confrontation.

87. In sum, through an amazing and inadmissible act of blackmail, Angola, the victim of an open attempt at destabilization, has been denied its sovereign right to ensure the security of its territory and the protection of its people in the way which the legitimate Government deems fit.

88. It goes without saying that the Council cannot accept such specious arguments or these hints at su-

pervision of Angola. The Council cannot be an accomplice in the creation of this vicious and astonishing confusion, especially as it knows the reality.

89. The reality is indeed quite different. As in the Middle East, where Israel uses a similar strategy to prevent the development of the countries of that region, South Africa bases its entire policy, and particularly its so-called security, on keeping the brother countries of southern Africa in a state of collective inferiority. This explains the attacks carried out from time to time on other front-line States—notably, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana and Lesotho.

90. The ferocity and the persistence of the aggression against Angola are, moreover, a test of the capacity of the Organization and, primarily, of the Council to react and to deter.

91. What we are witnessing today in Angola and southern Africa is what we have already seen in Lebanon and the Middle East. The theatre of operations changes, but the pretexts for aggression remain the same, just as the claims of the aggressors are identical.

92. The racist, bellicose, intolerant ideology, which respects no rule of law and disregards the rights of others, their sovereignty and their security, insulting their past, trampling on their present and mortgaging their future, is the same. The indulgence with which it is viewed by the West and the encouragement of aggression it receives in the form of a flow of arms, money and men have the same sources. The only difference is that this ideology is called zionism in the Middle East and *apartheid* in the case that we are discussing today.

93. It is the duty of the international community, and primarily, the Council, to save Angola from the unhappy fate of brother Lebanon, a fate that the South African régime would like to mete out to it as part of its general undertaking of imposing and maintaining its hegemony in the region. Angola, which has only just emerged from the long night of colonialism through a difficult, devastating and exhausting war of liberation, now faces a new trial, which it is the last to desire. This is described with realism, but with great restraint, in the White Paper circulated by the Angolan Government [*S/16198, annex*].

94. Angola, which justifiably has great ambitions for economic and social development, has thus been diverted from this mission of peace and national construction by subversion inspired and maintained by South Africa, and by South Africa's usurpation of Angolan sovereignty over a large part of Angolan territory.

95. In accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, the Charter of the Organization of African Unity and all universal understandings, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania reaffirms its active solidarity with Angola and its confidence in the toughness of this heroic fraternal people and of the other front-line States and all of Africa, in the face of the general efforts being made by the South African régime to destabilize and dominate the region.

96. Mauritania requests that the Council clearly and pointedly enjoin upon South Africa its compliance with international law and the repeated decisions of the United Nations for the unconditional, complete and immediate evacuation of its forces from Angolan territory, in accordance with Council resolutions 387 (1976), 428 (1978), 447 (1979) and 475 (1980).

97. Mauritania furthermore would like to see the Council emphasize the imperative need for all to observe strict respect for the sovereignty of Angola, its territorial integrity and the unity of its people.

98. Our country believes that the Council should firmly condemn South Africa's policy of State terrorism in southern Africa, and most particularly its overall efforts to destabilize Angola by aerial bombardment, armed incursions and the recruitment, financing, arming, training, conscription and political indoctrination of mercenaries of all nationalities who have been drawn together under the UNITA banner.

99. The Council should call on South Africa's allies to withhold all technological, financial and political support for South Africa's unconscionable occupation of part of Angolan territory.

100. On another level, because of the incalculable damage suffered by the Angolan economy as a result of the aforementioned aggression, the Council should request South Africa to furnish fair compensation for the consequences of its acts.

101. In so doing, our community of nations will have demonstrated to those who do not cherish peace and do not respect the Charter that crime does not pay, and thus will have provided concrete and effective evidence of its sympathy for the victims—in this case Angola—of flagrant aggression.

102. The Islamic Republic of Mauritania would like to place particular stress on the responsibility borne by the Western Powers to restrain the unbridled ambitions of South Africa and to help in the reconstruction of Angola. The Western countries, whose contact group is working so closely here with our brothers in the front-line States and Nigeria to find a peaceful solution in Namibia, play a decisive role in creating an atmosphere of calm conducive to an overall reconciliation of the enormous contradictions in the region which, for the most part, are rooted in South Africa's aberrant policy of institutionalized racism and aggression.

103. There are many strong links and a great community of interests between Africa and the countries of the Western contact group. Yet for historic, strategic and

economic reasons, those countries have close relations with South Africa as well.

104. We continue to believe that in the relations between the Western countries and Africa, reason, interest, justice and friendship will prevail over the facile tendency—tempting, but precarious—to seek a privileged and exclusive alliance with the South African régime, thus condoning its adventurist exploits, particularly in Angola.

105. We prefer to lay a wager on the wisdom of the Western Powers, particularly the United States, and on their genuine desire to bring about and to consolidate in southern Africa an atmosphere of peace and concord through justice, good-neighbourliness and the triumph of human rights and the rights of peoples.

106. Today, in the Council, in the case of the illegal occupation of part of Angola, an opportunity has been afforded to this group of Powers and to all the other members to lay emphasis on the importance of the Council's essential role: to maintain peace and security in southern Africa, in all of Africa and throughout the world.

107. While calm should prevail here over partisan passions and ideological splits which have nothing to do with South Africa's outrageous attacks against human rights and the rights of peoples, it must not numb your sense of justice and your formidable collective responsibility.

108. By acting in this way, the Council will provide proof that it can and will shoulder the full measure of responsibility conferred upon it by the Charter, which was drawn up as a sound and universal reaction to the Fascist practices of a régime of which South Africa is one of the last heirs.

109. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of Argentina. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

110. Mr. MUÑIZ (Argentina) (*interpretation from Spanish*): I thank the Council for this opportunity to participate in this debate. At the same time, I should like to express to you, Mr. President, our pleasure at seeing you presiding over the deliberations of the Council. To your many personal qualities must be added the fact that you represent the Netherlands, a State with which Argentina has traditional and growing bonds of friendship. We are sure that under your leadership the work of the Council in December will be successful and will make a real contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security.

111. Our salutations also go to your predecessor, Mr. Gauci, who so efficiently conducted the proceedings of the Council in the month of November.

112. The continuing occupation of part of the sovereign territory of Angola by South Africa is a source of great concern to the international community. This illegal act, which is a serious violation of international law and of the Charter of the United Nations, endangering regional and international peace and security, is another manifestation of the destabilizing foreign policy that Pretoria has been carrying out against its neighbours. Moreover, it coincides with South Africa's refusal to allow the genuine independence of Namibia and is part of the broader objective of perpetuating the *apartheid* régime, which the General Assembly has rightly described as "a crime against humanity".

113. One of the fundamental aspects of the foreign policy of Argentina is scrupulous respect for the principles of the Charter. The Charter expressly prohibits the use of force in international relations and enshrines the fundamental right of States to independence and territorial integrity. Absolute condemnation of racial discrimination is implicit in the Charter.

114. South Africa has constantly violated these guiding principles. Argentina vigorously condemns this conduct, and we join those who demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of South Africa from Angolan territory. Together with the overwhelming majority of the international community, we believe that aggression against Angola, the policy of destabilizing other African countries, the unlawful occupation of Namibia and the maintenance of the system of *apartheid* fully justify the Council's adopting measures such as those set forth in Chapter VII of the Charter. Such action by the Council would merely be compliance with its fundamental responsibility to maintain international peace and security.

115. Indeed, Pretoria's stubborn clinging to its aggressive racist policies leaves the Organization without any choice. South Africa cannot expect that countries committed to respect for human dignity and equality among nations will forever remain indifferent to the continuing tragedy in southern Africa. Angola and the other countries subject to Pretoria's frequent acts of aggression, as well as the oppressed people of Namibia and South Africa, may rest assured of the responsible, effective support of Argentina in their just struggle to achieve the implementation of the purposes and principles of the Charter in their region of the world.

116. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

117. Mr. RUPIA (United Republic of Tanzania): I should like to begin my statement by thanking you, Mr. President, and through you all the members of the Council, for having allowed my delegation to take part in this important and urgent debate. At the same time I wish to congratulate you personally on your assumption of the presidency for the month of December.

118. Allow me also to extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. Victor Gauci, of Malta, for having so ably presided over the work of the Council during the month of November.

119. It is more than two years since the South African military began a massive invasion that involved more than 45,000 troops. The Council was convened in August 1981 (*S/14647*) to address itself to the then rapidly deteriorating situation and to take steps to avoid a confrontation of greater magnitude by calling for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the invading forces. That was certainly not the first meeting called specifically to discuss South Africa's aggression against Angola. In March 1976, the Council adopted resolution 387 (1976); in May 1978, it adopted resolution 428 (1978); in 1979, the Council adopted resolutions 447 (1979) and 454 (1979), in March and November, respectively. Resolution 475 (1980) was subsequently adopted, in June 1980. In all those resolutions the Council condemned the acts of aggression committed against Angola. The Council called upon South Africa to cease those acts of aggression and scrupulously to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country.

120. However, the meetings of the Council in August 1981 on the same question [*2296th to 2300th meetings*] were different from the previous ones at which those resolutions were adopted. In magnitude and purpose, the August 1981 invasion signified a new dimension in the hostility of the *apartheid* régime against Angola. Indeed, the continuing occupation of parts of Angolan territory consequent upon that invasion testifies to this new dimension. South Africa, having failed in June 1975 to prevent the coming to power of the MPLA Government, had regrouped its regular army and mercenary forces to invade and to occupy Angola and to create so-called new facts on the Angolan political and security scene.

121. In 1981, the meeting was also different in that this time a resolution which could have upheld not only the rights of Angola but also the principles and purposes of the Charter was vetoed by the United States [*S/14664/Rev.2*]. The implications of that position are all too clear today. For South Africa, politically reinforced by the veto cast in the face of a clear-cut case of aggression, escalated its military operations and today is still illegally occupying the southern parts of Angola. Evidently further political concessions to and engagements with the *apartheid* régime have also reinvigorated its opposition to the independence of Namibia.

122. The fact that more than two years have elapsed since August 1981 and the Council has not taken action is itself regrettable, for while the passage of time has meant the suffering of innocent Angolan civilians, women and children, permitting aggression against an independent sovereign State Member of the United Nations to continue for so long without any attempt to redress the situation speaks of the sad story of the efficacy of the Council.

123. The Council has been informed by the representative of Angola in his statement here last Friday [*2504th meeting*], as well as by the White Paper on Acts of Aggression by the Racist South African Régime [*S/16198, annex*], about the full impact of the continued occupation. The extent of material infrastructural damage and dislocation of various sectors of the Angolan economy, as well as the loss of life and human torment, can certainly not be fully assessed. Even more, their short-term and long-term effects will certainly have devastatingly negative impacts on the Angolan people and economy.

124. The Council is called upon to consider an illegal act which contravenes international law and principles and violates the Charter of the United Nations. Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter requires all Member States to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity and political independence of any State and from acting in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.

125. The Council is only too familiar with the regard the *apartheid* régime has for the Charter. *Apartheid* South Africa is the embodiment of aggression. The elaborate system of the *apartheid* laws and the brutal force needed to enforce them are a standing aggression against the black population inside South Africa. Through the colonial occupation maintained over the people of Namibia, that people have become perpetual victims of *apartheid* aggression. The countless acts of sabotage, armed incursions, assassinations and other acts of destabilization against the independent African States in the region all epitomize aggression.

126. South Africa's occupation of Angola constitutes a continuing act of aggression. It has, as a result of that occupation, imposed a reign of terror against the innocent civilian inhabitants of that territory. The Kassinga massacre of May 1978, carried out by the South African military against a helpless refugee population, and the full-scale invasion of August 1981, for example, demonstrate the sustained and prolonged violation of the provisions of the Charter, the logical consequence of which should be the application of the provisions of Chapter VII, which deals with the actions to be taken with respect to threats to the peace, breaches of the peace, and acts of aggression.

127. The Council has the duty to see to it that aggression is not allowed to go unpunished. The legal position of the international community has been adequately set forth in the various principles of international law, in the Charter and in the resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council. In particular, the duty of every State to refrain from the use of force to prevent the exercise by a people of their right to self-determination and independence has been underlined. Accordingly, the right of Angola, or any other country for that matter, to use every available means to ensure the exercise of that right is inalienable. Even if it is in the use of force in seeking help to ensure the exercise of

that right, there is justification. The Declaration on the Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 2625 (XXV) of October 1970, reinforces that right as provided under Article 51 of the Charter.

128. The fundamental question that needs to be asked is why Angola is occupied today. South Africa's hostility to Angola dates back to the battle by the Angolan people, under the leadership of MPLA, for genuine independence. Its failure to impose upon the Angolan people a puppet leadership was obviously a resounding defeat of the *apartheid* ambitions. Beginning in 1975, when the *apartheid* régime launched the first major attack in a series of other major military campaigns that were to follow, until today, South Africa has not accepted the independence of Angola.

129. It saw in it the removal of another protective buffer of *apartheid* which, while cushioned by Portuguese colonialism, had nurtured the dreams of invincibility. Hence, be it in the continuing occupation of Angola or in any acts of aggression and destabilization against the independent States in the region, the aim is clear. It is nothing more than a desperate attempt to reverse history through acts of sabotage, destabilization and aggression.

130. South Africa's continued illegal occupation of the international territory of Namibia is certainly a major factor in the occupation of Angolan territory. The occupation itself, characterized by indiscriminate destruction of the civilian infrastructure and other vital sectors of the economy, is aimed at the total destruction of Angola's economy and weakening its ability and resolve to support the Namibian people for the achievement of their independence. In the process, the *apartheid* régime hopes to achieve the capitulation of Angola and proceed with the bantustanization of Namibia. The use of SWAPO combatants as an excuse for the military occupation should, therefore, be seen in that context. Obviously, for political expediency, the *apartheid* régime does not and will not address itself to the real issues of *apartheid* and its illegal occupation of Namibia or Angola. Instead it opts to dwell on irrelevant issues. It is not Angola or any other country that is responsible for the resistance of the Namibian people against colonial occupation and racism. Rather, it is the brutality, savagery and unacceptability of the *apartheid* system itself which makes struggle against it inevitable, and South Africa and its friends now know that very well. They also know that no matter the frequency or magnitude of invasions or occupations, in the final analysis they will not create safety for *apartheid*. Like any dehumanizing system, it is bound to be dismantled —whether the diehard white racists in South Africa like it or not.

131. *Apartheid* arrogance and contempt for the United Nations is nothing new to the international community. The claim of the representative of the *apartheid* régime—a régime which enslaves millions of black people in South Africa and Namibia and is committing acts of aggression and occupying parts of Angolan territory, annihilating village populations and committing untold atrocities in the process—that these hideous acts are perpetrated for the purpose of safeguarding the freedom of Africa is both contemptuous and cynical. This kind of perversion of logic and justification of aggression could come only from the *apartheid* régime.

132. The Council, as well as the overwhelming majority of Members of the Organization, maintain that the policies of *apartheid*, the occupation of Namibia and that of Angola are all illegal. Indeed, the very régime itself has been declared illegal. The various resolutions condemning the acts of aggression against the People's Republic of Angola adopted by the Council between 1976 and 1980 leave no doubt whatsoever about the illegal presence of the *apartheid* régime on Angolan soil. The General Assembly's withdrawal, in resolution 2145 (XXI) of 27 September 1966, of the South African Mandate over Namibia and the numerous resolutions and decisions condemning the continued *apartheid* occupation of that Territory, as well as the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice of 21 June 1971,[1] also provide clear proof of the position of the international community. Equally, the correct decision taken by the General Assembly in 1974, and subsequently reaffirmed at its every session, to reject the credentials of the representatives of the *apartheid* régime underlines the conviction of the international community that the Pretoria régime is totally illegal. Indeed the Council itself in 1974 took up consideration of the question of the relationship between the United Nations and South Africa [*1796th to 1798th and 1800th to 1804th meetings*]. Obviously, had it not been for the same friends of South Africa who continue to underwrite *apartheid*, the Council was on the correct track in reconsidering its continued association with that régime.

133. Perhaps it is also pertinent to point out at this juncture that it does not surprise us that we are told that the empty pronouncements of the *apartheid* régime about the so-called disengagement of the occupation troops in Angola constitute a so-called positive development. We heard the same concerning the internationally condemned so-called constitutional dispensations only a few weeks ago. Yet the international community is aware of the purpose of those pronouncements. They are aimed at confusing the current debate, since, through sending such diversionary signals, they will have provided ground to be used as a pretext by those who in any case seem to acquiesce in South Africa's occupation of parts of Angola, to divert the focus of the Council from the demand for South Africa's immediate and unconditional withdrawal from Angolan territory. What needs to be dwelt on is not any so-called disengagement of troops or any related activity. Rather, it is why the South African forces are in Angola in the first place. The question before the Council is the invasion

and continued occupation of Angolan territory by the *apartheid* régime, and no attempt should be made to obscure that fact.

134. Angola has come before the Council to seek justice. Hence the Council cannot afford the luxury of indifference to what is, according to the Charter, an illegal use of force in obvious and contemptuous disregard of the legal norms of conduct. Hesitation to take effective action against the continuing South African aggression will have serious consequences both for the people of Angola and southern Africa and for the prestige and authority of the Council. To remain silent or not to act concerning aggression would be a tragic omission with far-reaching consequences for the Charter. We seek from the Council nothing more than observance of the Charter by the racist régime. Accordingly, we call upon the Council, at the minimum, to condemn, in the strongest manner possible, the continued occupation of Angolan territory and demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal by South Africa of all its occupation forces and scrupulous respect by that régime for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of the People's Republic of Angola.

135. At the same time, the Council must call upon all States to desist from any action that undermines the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of Angola. It should also demand full and prompt compensation by South Africa for the destruction of property and loss of life brought about by that country's continued occupation.

136. Angola has suffered the more than two years of occupation which has been allowed to continue, partly by the vacillation of the Council in taking effective action. Other African States in the region continue to fall victim to South African aggression for the same reasons. The Council has an obligation to see to it that effective action is taken, since the decision it will take at this series of meetings will have a significant effect both on the future behaviour of South Africa and on the security of the independent African States neighbouring the *apartheid* régime. Consequently, the Council must commit itself to the adoption of effective measures under Chapter VII of the Charter in the event that South Africa persists in its aggression.

137. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of Mozambique, whom I invite to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

138. Mr. DOS SANTOS (Mozambique): Mr. President, I thank you and the other members of the Council for affording me the opportunity to address the Council.

139. May I, at the outset, tell you how happy I am to see you presiding over the affairs of the Council for the month of December. Despite its alliances, your country, the Netherlands, and your generous people have been able to understand the struggle and aspiration of peoples for liberty, independence, freedom, equality and justice. I am happy to put on record the special relationships that have obtained between your generous, hard-working people and Government and the people of Mozambique since the inception of our struggle for national liberation. We shall never forget the diplomatic, material, financial and moral support that your Government and people have willingly rendered not only to the people of Mozambique, but also to the peoples of Angola, Guinea-Bissau and other such countries.

140. I wish to seize this opportunity to praise the work done by the Angola Committee and the Eduardo Mondlane Foundation, both of the Netherlands. Your country's constructive attitude on the question of the establishment of the new international economic order is praiseworthy. The aversion of your people and Government to the inhuman doctrines and practices of *apartheid* is well known and appreciated by Africa and the whole world. I hope, and am convinced, that in the future we shall be afforded the opportunity to continue our relations of trust.

141. I take this opportunity to thank your predecessor in the presidency for the able manner in which he conducted the proceedings of the Council last month. Malta and Mozambique, belonging as they do to the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, share many common anxieties and aspirations.

142. Once again the belligerent South African racists are in the dock, not because the world community takes special pleasure in putting them there, but because racist South Africans seem especially to enjoy being in the dock. They are hardened, perpetual offenders. Their behaviour can be likened to that of a hardened, callous criminal who does not feel comfortable outside the prison walls. He feels so uncomfortable that as his prison term approaches its end he becomes very restless and begins plotting and designing the next crime. No sooner is he released than he commits another crime, and he is back in prison.

143. Let us face the facts, however hard, unpalatable and ugly they may be. The racist clique in Pretoria is composed of hardened, unrepentant criminals who are no different from other well-known international organized crime groups, except perhaps that they have organized something resembling and having the appearance of Government—when taken at face value, that is. In reality South Africa is run by a Masonic house known as the *broederbond*. The racist South Africans are Nazi-Fascist in look, outlook, ideology, practice and behaviour.

144. Just look at the self-styled spokesman of the South African racists. Does he not remind members of those faceless, ugly Hitlerite Germans? I am sorry he is not here. Just imagine him as he sat here and bragged about the terrorist act of planting bombs in an apartment building in Maputo, set to explode in the still of the night. To make it savoury, he called it a commando

raid and proudly proclaimed that the act was to be repeated. What is the difference between the *broederbond* on the one hand and the death squads and *la mano blanca* on the other? What is the difference between planting a bomb in an apartment building in Maseru, Mbabane, Lusaka, Gaborone, Harare, on the one hand, and planting a bomb in a parliament building, on the other?

145. Despite the world outcry and condemnation of the continued occupation, colonization and brutal treatment of Namibia by the racist Boers, the same self-styled spokesman had the temerity to assert in this chamber not long ago that the Boers' policy enjoyed the support of the world community. Does the Council remember that? I am sure it does. Only a hardened criminal or a Nazi—which boils down to the same thing—would unashamedly, blatantly and brazenly tell such a lie to such a distinguished, enlightened, learned, knowledgeable and respected body as the Council. If racist South Africans can tell the Council lies in the full knowledge that they are nothing but lies, and are fully aware that the Security Council is as fully aware, or even more fully aware, that it is being fed blatant lies, what happens if and when they sense that people may not be in possession of all the facts? The fabrication and spreading of lies is one of the major characteristics of Nazis.

146. Only last Friday [*2504th meeting*], the same self-styled spokesman had the stomach, nay the courage, to throw stones at a neighbour's concrete house, inhabiting as he does a glass house—nay, a house made of soap bubbles—and to try to show, by innuendo and insinuation, that the neighbour was not democratic. When I heard this I was at first tempted to say that those people were completely out of their minds, but later I kept wondering whether those people had minds at all. They may have lost the little mind they may have had in the past. If their mind is completely gone, it would be interesting to know at what point in time the loss was effected and completed.

147. Last Friday we were also told by the same self-styled Boer spokesman, but this time carrying aloft the banner of the whole of the African continent, that the African peoples reject a certain ideology which the racist South Africans love so much. For fear of a digression that may take us too far from our main target, I am going to refrain from discussing the matter now. Suffice it to say that the spokesman very conveniently and comfortably forgot to mention the fact that we Africans love *apartheid* to the point of unlimited hatred of it. And, by design or by mere chance, he also forgot to remind the Council—or thought there was no need to remind it—of the fact that we Africans are not alone in this intense hatred of *apartheid*. Indeed, the whole world, including outer space and the moon—at least during the time there are astronauts there—has an intense aversion to and horror of the *apartheid* policy.

148. The Boers are now posing as defenders of Africa. Ask the people of South Africa what that means; ask the people of Sharpeville, ask the people of so many Mangopes, ask the schoolchildren of Soweto, ask Steve Biko and Niel Agget, ask the thousands of prisoners in the Boers' jails, ask the people of Lesotho, ask the people of Zambia, ask the people of Zimbabwe, ask Bishop Desmond Tutu and millions of others who are without determined citizenship in the country of their own birth; ask the peoples of Botswana, of Swaziland, of Namibia, of Angola, of Seychelles, of Zaire, of Nigeria, of Mozambique, ask the people of the whole world.

149. Hitlerite Germans and racist South Africans are kith and kin in ideology and share many things in common. The Nazis considered themselves to be from a superior race and to be the chosen and to have had bestowed upon them a divine mission by God. The whole world had to be conquered, and all inferior races gassed to death and destroyed. Gruesome experiments were carried out upon human skin, flesh and mind. The Jews were the first victims, but others were to follow suit. A world war was unleashed, and more than 50 million souls were lost before the Nazis could be vanquished and tamed.

150. The Boers are, without any shadow of doubt, Hitler's admirers and disciples. They actively supported and fought alongside the Nazis. Just as the Nazis did in their time, the Boers consider themselves as belonging to a superior race, chosen by God to defend his kingdom. The blacks, Asians and so-called Coloureds are from inferior races, albeit races of differing degrees of inferiority. This ideology finds its highest expression in the policy and practice of *apartheid*.

151. Witness the humiliation, brutalization and mass murder of Jews by Hitler and the humiliation, brutalization and mass murder of the so-called non-whites by South African racists in Sharpeville, Soweto, Kassinga and so on, and tell me the difference between Hitler and Botha.

152. Witness the mass removal of Africans from their ancestral lands, from the Inyangas, from the Mangopes, from other whites-only areas to barren and overcrowded land. Should it be mentioned that almost the entire black population of more than 24 million souls, or more than 70 per cent of the South African population, is to be affected by this inhuman, heartless exercise of mass removal? Should we be reminded that only 13 per cent of the most barren land has been reserved for these more than 70 per cent? Do we know that over 2 million men, women and children have already gone through this experience? Do we understand that the so-called bantustans are for Africans what ghettos were for Jews?

153. In those ghettos Africans can hardly make a living. There, malnutrition and disease are the order of the day. Death visits 50 per cent of the children under the age of five. In other words, the gas chamber has been superseded, and in its stead malnutrition, hunger

and disease are being used to wipe out the African population. In the ghettos a campaign of sterilization of the population is in the testing stage. Ways and means of spreading deadly diseases among the Africans are being developed, tested and experimented with.

154. In the so-called white areas not less than 200,000 people are arrested every year for violating pass laws.

155. Their race-classification laws would be nothing but a laughing-stock were it not for the extreme and acute sufferings they entail for Africans. Besides the well-known races—white, black, Asian and so-called Coloured—there are honorary whites, the best known of them being the Japanese. But there are also honorary black whites, these being foreign blacks who, for one reason or another, the racists want to shield from some of their rawest and crudest racial laws. As the General Assembly session draws to a close, some of our colleagues may be travelling through racist South Africa to their respective countries, and during the few hours that they will be in racist South Africa all of them, as if by a hidden magic, will turn white, including the blackest of the black among them. They will be declared to be honorary whites; the title will be conferred upon them. As soon as they cross the border, their blackness will immediately return to them.

156. Taking a cue from their Nazi brethren, although less ambitious than the latter, the Boers have arrogated to themselves the right to intervene militarily in any country south of the Sahara if their interests are threatened. An array of ghosts is always invented to justify their military aggression: an African National Congress of South Africa (ANC) office here, an ANC base there, a bomb placed in Pretoria or in Windhoek, the presence of hostile forces there. Racist South Africa has always viewed with grave concern the attainment and consolidation of independence by African countries as a threat to its *apartheid* policies and to its very survival. In the 1960s, it was actively engaged in the tragic events that took place in the Congo, today Zaire. The secessionist Katangese had the racist Boers' blessing. As a staunch supporter of the former Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, racist South Africa strenuously opposed the attainment of independence by Zambia and Malawi.

157. When Ian Smith illegally and unilaterally declared the independence of Southern Rhodesia in 1965, the South African racists sent their regular armed forces to prop him up. When, in the 1960s, things became really unbearable for the Portuguese in Angola, the Boers, together with the Portuguese colonial troops, created the bands of Angolan traitors they support to this very day. And when those traitors failed to take over power in Luanda in 1975, they sent their armies and European mercenaries to invade that country, and this prompted the Angolans to seek military assistance from friendly countries. Ignominiously defeated, the racist South Africans had hurriedly to make their forces of aggression retreat, but their dreams of putting their stooges in power in Luanda did not die with their retreat.

158. Tired of being colonized, the Mozambican people took up arms in 1964, and immediately the Boers came to the aid of the Portuguese colonialists. Being hard-core racists, and sure of their racial superiority, the young South African soldiers at first took no cover when fired upon and marched on, shouting, "Come on, boy. Come on, boy." Of course the boys did come, in the form of bullets, and as a result many were killed. The contingent was immediately withdrawn.

159. During the sad and tragic events that took place in Nigeria with the attempt at secession in Biafra, the Boers lost no opportunity and were there, feverishly trying to weaken the country.

160. As the people and Governments of southern Africa, individually or severally, are engaged in a heroic struggle to rid themselves of the scourge and residue of colonialism, as they prepare to take off towards a future of wider horizons and better standards of life, as they strive to overcome backwardness and misery, they find themselves subjected to naked and unprovoked acts of aggression, economic pressure, sabotage, occupation. Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique are the victims of constant direct aggression or of bandits, armed, trained, equipped, financed and supplied by racist South Africa. Even defenceless, tiny but proud Lesotho was not able to escape the ire of the bloodthirsty racist South Africans. Recently the Boers resorted to brutal aggression against and blockading of that peaceful country.

161. Even countries as far afield as Kenya and Seychelles had an unwanted taste of the bitter pill that racist South Africa constitutes, as the tragic happenings that have taken place in those two countries in the last two years have vividly demonstrated. There was no conceivable threat to the racists coming from Seychelles. What prompted the invasion? Could the racist South Africans have suspected the existence of tigers in Seychelles that could one day swim the Indian Ocean and land at the Cape of Good Hope and devour their little children and cattle?

162. A few days ago I was told an Arab fable. One day a cat and a mouse were travelling on a ship without each knowing of the presence of the other. After several weeks of voyaging through high seas where no land was discernible, the cat noticed the mouse. As we all know, cats are very fond of eating mice. So the cat devised a provocation strategy, accusing the mouse of throwing sand at it. The mouse tried in vain to convince the cat that that was not possible, for they had been surrounded by sea water, and only sea water, for several weeks. The cat was not there for that kind of reasoning and jumped upon the poor mouse. I leave it to each one of the members of the Council to conclude the story.

163. No other country has borne the brunt of the South African racists' instinctive aggressiveness as Angola has. Although they retreated from Angolan soil after their defeat in 1976, they continued to support Angolan traitors until 1981, when, after the failure of their stooges, they decided to return to Angola; and they have been there constantly for the last two years, bringing untold suffering, death and destruction. Economic infrastructures such as roads and bridges are being destroyed. Even factories producing food and textiles could not escape the fury of the South African racists. Whole towns have been wiped out. It is estimated that so far Angola has lost $10 billion.

164. Last Friday [*2504th meeting*], we were offered disengagement [*S/16219, annex*]—whatever that means—in exchange for something that would guarantee racist South Africa's colonization of Namibia. Of the three forces, two never intended in the past nor do they intend in the future to set foot in Namibia. Only SWAPO is waging a struggle for national liberation in that country. There can be no disengagement, for there was no engagement in the first place. The racist South Africans seem to have forgotten whom they are engaged to. Or do they want to be engaged to several men at the same time with a view to practising polyandry?

165. The naked and unprovoked aggression against Angola is illegal and unlawful in international law and international practice. It is a violation of the Charter of the United Nations.

166. Africa, through the Manifesto on Southern Africa,[2] adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its sixth ordinary session, held at Addis Ababa from 6 to 9 September 1969 and numerous other pronouncements, has offered a blueprint for a peaceful solution to the problems afflicting southern Africa. Racist South Africa has chosen to bite the peaceful hand we extended to it. The disengagement offer, coming as it did on the eve of the present debate in the Security Council, is a disingenuous ploy and should be dismissed outright with all the contempt it rightly deserves.

167. The Council, I am sure, will not fail to register the fact that racist South Africa has at long last admitted that it is waging a war of aggression against Angola.

168. Under your wise guidance, Mr. President, I am convinced that the Council will not fail to condemn the Boers for their aggression against and occupation of parts of southern Angola nor to call for the unconditional and immediate withdrawal of racist South Africa troops from that country.

The meeting rose at 6.05 p.m.

NOTES

[1] *Legal Consequences for States of the Continued Presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding Security Council Resolution 276 (1970), Advisory Opinion, I.C.J. Reports 1971*, p. 16.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fourth Session, Annexes*, agenda item 106, document A/7754.

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2507th MEETING

Held in New York on Tuesday, 20 December 1983, at 11 a.m.

President: Mr. Max VAN DER STOEL (Netherlands).

Present: The representatives of the following States: China, France, Guyana, Jordan, Malta, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Poland, Togo, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

Provisional agenda (S/Agenda/2507)

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Complaint by Angola against South Africa:
   Letter dated 14 December 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16216).

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Complaint by Angola against South Africa:
Letter dated 14 December 1983 from the Permanent Representative of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/16216)

1. The PRESIDENT: In accordance with the decisions taken at previous meetings on this item [*2504th to 2506th meetings*], I invite the representative of Angola to take a place at the Council table. I invite the representatives of Argentina, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Ethiopia, the German Democratic Republic, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Portugal, Somalia, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania, Yugoslavia and Zambia to take the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. de Figueiredo (Angola) took a place at the Council table; Mr. Muñiz (Argentina), Mr. Ogouma (Benin), Mr. Legwaila (Botswana), Mr. Maciel (Brazil), Mr. Pelletier (Canada), Mr. Khalil (Egypt), Mr. Deressa (Ethiopia), Mr. Ott (German Democratic Republic), Mr. Krishnan (India), Mr. Treiki (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya), Mr. Ould Hamody (Mauritania), Mr. Dos Santos (Mozambique), Mr. Anyaoku (Nigeria), Mr. Medina (Portugal), Mr. Adan (Somalia), Mr. von Schirnding (South Africa), Mr. Rupia (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Golob (Yugoslavia) and Mr. Lusaka (Zambia) took the places reserved for them at the side of the Council chamber.

2. The PRESIDENT: The first speaker is the representative of Zambia. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

3. Mr. LUSAKA (Zambia): Mr. President, may I begin by thanking you and the other members of the Council for allowing my delegation to participate in this important debate on the complaint by Angola against South Africa. Furthermore, it gives me great pleasure to extend to you, Mr. President, my delegation's congratulations on your accession to the presidency of the Council for the month of December.

4. I wish also to pay a tribute to your predecessor, Mr. Victor Gauci of Malta, who so ably presided over the work of the Council last month.

5. Members of the Council are well aware that racist South Africa pursued a policy of aggression against Angola even before that country attained its independence. The racist South African troops had invaded Angola several weeks prior to the proclamation of independence on 11 November 1975. This policy was transformed into one of permanent illegal occupation when, in August 1981, racist South Africa invaded and occupied some parts of southern Angola. That illegal occupation is being maintained now and is the reason for the Council's meeting.

6. Last Friday my colleague and brother, Mr. Elisio de Figueiredo, of Angola, clearly and convincingly presented the case of his Government against South Africa [*2504th meeting*]. Angola has once again come to the Council to ask this body, which has the primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, to act decisively to put an end to the illegal and untenable continued occupation of part of its territory by racist South Africa.

7. Furthermore, at the same meeting we had occasion in the Council to listen to the representative of the racist Pretoria régime engage in his country's characteristic subterfuge and deception in diverting attention from the real issue of its illegal occupation of Angola to irrelevant issues. He sought, *inter alia*, to link the dis-

engagement of his country's forces of occupation in Angola and the independence of Namibia to the simultaneous withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola. He made no attempt to address the issue at hand—which is a clear indication that the racist Pretoria régime has had no valid reason whatsoever for its occupation of the independent State of Angola other than to perpetuate its illegal occupation of Namibia and the inhuman system of *apartheid*.

8. Zambia, which has also been a victim of racist South Africa's aggression, is aware of the magnitude of the invasion and occupation of Angola, which is under consideration. It involves the indiscriminate committing of brutality and acts of genocide by the racist troops of Pretoria. It also involves extensive damage to, and destruction of, property. The occupation forces have literally plunged Angola into permanent distress, given the massive and tragic losses of human life that the racists continuously wreak upon the peace-loving people of Angola.

9. This situation shows no sign of abating. It is only proper, therefore, to recall that in 1981 the Council met to consider this same issue [*2296th to 2300th meetings*] but, regrettably, failed to take appropriate action because of a veto cast by a permanent member. This was notwithstanding Council resolution 475 (1980), paragraph 7 of which relates to the decision made

> "to meet again in the event of further acts of violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola by the South African racist régime, in order to consider the adoption of more effective measures in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including Chapter VII thereof."

10. Since the adoption of that resolution—more than three years ago—the situation has worsened. The racist Pretoria régime has increased its acts of violence, brutality, murder and wanton destruction of property in Angola. It has also maintained the occupation of Angola, thus violating beyond measure the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola. Without doubt, these acts of violence and occupation constitute a gross and flagrant violation of international law, particularly Article 2, paragraph 4, of the Charter of the United Nations.

11. In this connection, I wish to place on record my country's considered view that no principle enshrined in the Charter could be more fundamental to the maintenance of good and harmonious relations between States than mutual respect for the territorial integrity of all States. South Africa's disregard with impunity of the Charter and of norms of international law has culminated in that racist régime's acts of aggression against, and destabilization of, the independent States in the region. The Council must surely find this situation intolerable and should, therefore, feel duty-bound to act decisively in the interest of peace and justice in that beleaguered region.

12. In fact, racist South Africa has distinguished itself as the rogue State that it is in the whole region through its naked aggression against, and destabilization of, its peace-loving neighbours. This sustained commitment to violence betrays an insidious design by the racist Pretoria régime to impede and obstruct the processes of national reconstruction of its neighbours. In addition, it is also aimed at weakening the unrelenting support of the front-line States for the liberation movements in Namibia and South Africa. There is no doubt, however, that the liberation movements will triumph in spite of the machinations of the racist South African régime.

13. The inescapable conclusion that can be drawn from the racist Pretoria régime's policy of unprovoked aggression against, and destabilization and occupation of, parts of neighbouring States is that racist South Africa has never been interested in creating conditions of justice, peace and stability, which are essential for good-neighbourliness.

14. The illegal occupation of some parts of southern Angola by racist troops is a challenge to the efficacy of the Council, whose primary responsibility is to maintain international peace and security. To that end, the Council must move from mere expressions of pious support for Angola to taking concrete action which must culminate in dislodging racist South Africa from Angolan soil. This is as it should be, because it is the duty of the Council to come to the rescue of countries such as Angola whose peace and security have been gravely jeopardized. The Council should, therefore, take urgent measures aimed at securing the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of racist South Africa's military forces from Angola.

15. I should like to take this opportunity to remind the Council that the support given racist South Africa by some major Western countries has, undoubtedly, encouraged that régime's belligerent and intransigent behaviour. Zambia calls upon those major Western countries on the Council to join with the other members of the Council in taking such measures as will not only bring about the withdrawal of South African troops from Angola, but also ensure that henceforth racist South Africa shall respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola.

16. I wish to conclude by reiterating my country's support for and solidarity with the Government and people of Angola, which have suffered the indignities of occupation with such indomitable courage that it has won them the admiration of their brothers and sisters in Zambia. We cannot but ask the Council to put an end to such indignities. Failure by the Council to take appropriate action in the interests of justice and peace would be a gross abdication of its responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

17. Mr. LING Qing (China) [*interpretation from Chinese*]: At the outset, Mr. President, I wish to congratulate you on your assumption of the presidency for

this month. I am sure that, with your wide diplomatic experience and outstanding abilities, you will steer the Council successfully through the final month of its work for this year.

18. I also wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thanks to the President for last month, Mr. Gauci, of Malta, for the distinguished manner in which he carried out his duties.

19. More than two years have passed since the racist régime of South Africa launched an armed invasion against Angola and occupied parts of its territory. Ignoring the fact that the international community has strongly condemned the criminal acts of South Africa and demanded an immediate and unconditional withdrawal of South African troops from Angola, the South African authorities have openly flouted the solemn and just demand of the international community. They have refused to pull out their aggressive troops from Angola and further intensified their aggressive activities there, which has not only constituted a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola, but also posed a grave threat to peace and security throughout southern Africa. The Chinese delegation therefore fully supports the Government of Angola in requesting emergency meetings of the Council to review this serious situation.

20. On 23 August 1981, South Africa launched a frenzied and massive invasion into Angola and sent in its armed forces. It has incessantly intensified its acts of aggression since then. The South African troops have on several occasions launched air and ground attacks on main communication lines, towns and villages inside Angola, inflicting immeasurable losses of life and property on the Angolan people. To date, South Africa is still occupying large tracts of land in Cunene province in southern Angola. The South African aggressors have met with strong resistance from the Angolan people. While stepping up their aggression, the South African authorities have of late resorted to the manoeuvre of feigning the easing of tension by proposing the so-called disengagement between the military forces of the two sides in Angola. In making that proposal, South Africa is obviously trying to confuse the aggressors and the victims of aggression, dodge its responsibilities for aggression and legitimize its occupation of Namibia and the territories in southern Angola. This scheme will never succeed.

21. A just cause enjoys abundant support, while an unjust cause finds little support. South Africa has, by its acts of aggression, gravely trampled underfoot the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law and it has naturally met with stern condemnation by the international community. In its Political Declaration, the Seventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held at New Delhi from 7 to 12 March this year

> "strongly condemned the continued military occupation of part of Angolan territory by the South African racist troops in violation of the national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola . . .; demanded the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of South African troops from Angolan territory and decided to increase support for and solidarity with the people and Government of Angola" [*S/15675, annex, sect. I, para. 62*].

22. Not long ago, the current session of the General Assembly adopted a resolution on the effects of *apartheid* on the countries of southern Africa [*resolution 38/39 C of 5 December 1983*], which also condemned the acts of aggression against Angola and other countries in southern Africa by the South African authorities and demanded the withdrawal of South African troops from Angola. We maintain that the Council should undertake the responsibility of preserving international peace and security, strongly condemn South Africa's armed aggression against Angola and demand that South Africa respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola and withdraw all its troops immediately and unconditionally.

23. The Chinese delegation will, as always, resolutely uphold the just struggle of Angola and other countries in southern Africa against South African aggression and firmly support the Namibian people and the South African people in their struggle for national liberation until they win the final victory.

24. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of the German Democratic Republic. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

25. Mr. OTT (German Democratic Republic): Mr. President, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak in this debate of the Security Council. My delegation has followed with appreciation the manner in which you have used your diplomatic skills in the discharge of your responsible task as President of the Council. We wish you further success in your high office, in particular with a view to the required achievement of a satisfactory and peace-securing solution to the important issue before us.

26. Our appreciation goes also to your predecessor, the representative of Malta, Mr. Gauci, who fulfilled his duties so excellently.

27. Once again the Council has to deal with the increasing acts of aggression perpetrated by South Africa against independent, sovereign Angola. The following questions arise. How long will it still be possible for South Africa to continue this sordid war against Angola and the other front-line States? How long will it still be possible for the racist régime to provoke the whole of mankind without being punished? World public opinion expects this body to take resolute measures and to answer those questions.

28. Last Friday [*2504th meeting*], the representative of Angola, Mr. de Figueiredo, explained the consequences of the persistent acts of aggression by Pretoria. Angola, a country which, after having suffered for centuries under colonial rule, has the firm will to use all its strength and the energy of its people to construct a happy future, a country which is longing for peace because that is the prerequisite of all its endeavours, continues to be forced to spend considerable amounts for the defence of its sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence. Worse still, it daily suffers irreplaceable losses of human life as well as incalculable material damage.

29. As early as 15 August 1983, the Deputy Minister of External Relations of Angola, in his cable to the Secretary-General [*S/15929*], informed us about the racist régime's occupation of Cangamba in the province of Moxico. That criminal act was preceded by heavy air strikes and artillery fire, claiming numerous victims among the civilian population, as well as causing considerable material damage. The attack, designed to relieve the counter-revolutionary gangs, exposes as a gross deception of world public opinion the statement by South African Prime Minister Botha on the alleged readiness of his Government to conduct a dialogue with the neighbouring States and to conclude a non-aggression treaty.

30. The German Democratic Republic resolutely condemns the new act of aggression, and declares its firm solidarity with the people of Angola, which is determined to repel the invaders and to recover its original boundaries.

31. Since 1979 my country has been closely linked with the courageous people of Angola by the bonds of a treaty of friendship and co-operation. It therefore fully supports the position expressed by the front-line States at the summit meeting held at Lusaka on 12 November 1983, on the repulse of the South African aggression and the defence of the territorial integrity of Angola.

32. However, to achieve its legitimate objectives, that country needs the support of all decent people. But it also needs appropriate decisions by the Council finally to put an end to the crimes the *apartheid* régime has perpetrated in contravention of international law.

33. We know that we are not alone in expressing this view. In the debates on General Assembly agenda items entitled "Policies of *apartheid* of the Government of South Africa" and "Question of Namibia", States' representatives almost unanimously condemned Pretoria's policy of destabilization, aggression and occupation, and demanded its termination. It has been convincingly proved that it is not South Africa, but the sovereign and independent neighbouring States—in particular, Angola—which are threatened and which are the victims in that region. This entails a strict call for the unconditional—I repeat "unconditional"—immediate and complete withdrawal of all South African troops from Angola: an end to the misuse of the Territory of Namibia as a spring-board for aggression: the termination of all assistance for and any collaboration with the gangs of UNITA [*União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola*]—an instrument of South African policy; and reparations for all damage caused by the aggressor. Most recently, with the adoption of resolution 539 (1983)—there is almost no need to refer to this fact—it was agreed that the fulfilment of those demands must in no way be linked to the presence of Cuban internationalist forces in Angola. The threat to that country continues to exist, and thus there continue to exist the conditions which induced Angola to request foreign assistance under Article 51 of the Charter. In contrast, it is absolutely imperative to force South Africa to comply with those demands through the imposition of sanctions under Chapter VII of the Charter. This is the answer to the questions I raised at the very outset.

34. However, a realistic assessment of the situation requires us to point to all those forces which encourage the *apartheid* régime to pursue its provocative policy. As we persistently have to witness—be it in the Middle East, in Central America or in the Caribbean—imperialist circles make every effort to stop peoples' embarking upon the road to a future in peace, freedom and independence, and make every effort to regain lost territories and to incorporate them anew in their sphere of dominance. All sorts of means are suitable when great-Power interest is to be realized. Unrestrained hatred against socialism, against progress, against the peoples' striving for a life without colonial oppression and without exploitation, against everything that limits imperialism's field of action, dictates the measures. The policy of confrontation and super-armament pursued by the most aggressive circles of the United States and its allies, the deployment of medium-range missiles in Western Europe, the stirring up of new hotbeds of conflict, are the direct results of this.

35. There is no doubt that the situation in southern Africa is, together with that in the Middle East, particularly dangerous at present. The United States makes every effort to preserve the racist régime, its most important bridgehead on the African continent. It openly recognizes Pretoria as its ally, and prevents decisive measures being taken by the Council. This policy is responsible for the fact that the *apartheid* system continues to exist, and that South Africa is enabled to continue its acts of aggression against Angola. This policy is also responsible for the fact that—against the will of the majority of States—no solution of the Namibian problem is yet foreseeable.

36. The recent statement by South African Defence Minister Malan on preparatory work to be carried out for the deployment of medium-range missiles in Cape province demonstrates that South Africa is willing to continue its policy of threat and aggression against Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. That means that without the termination of imperialist collaboration there will be no end to the *apartheid* terror.

37. It is high time the imperialist States became aware of the danger of their policy and recognized that it has no perspective. The adventurist policy of Pretoria cannot in the long run hold up the progress of history in the south of the African continent. But it can drive the whole continent to the verge of the disaster of a war. It carries murder and aggression over the borders of independent, sovereign States.

38. Nobody can ignore this reality. The present situation prevailing in southern Africa and particularly around Angola requires the utmost vigilance by all peace-loving States, but at the same time extensive means must also be provided to assist the Angolan people. My delegation once again assures Angola and the other front-line States of the firm and fraternal solidarity of the German Democratic Republic in their just struggle, serving world peace against the racist and colonial *apartheid* régime.

39. We wish to express our hope that the Council will meet the legitimate demands of Angola, as expressed by its representative.

40. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of Ethiopia. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

41. Mr. DERESSA (Ethiopia): Permit me at the very outset, Mr. President, to congratulate you on your assumption of the presidency of the Council for the month of December and to wish you every success in your endeavours.

42. Our congratulations go also to your predecessor, Mr. Gauci, the representative of Malta, on the wise and effective manner in which he presided over the deliberations of the Council last month.

43. Once again Angola is back in the Council to complain about the unceasing and unprovoked acts of aggression as well as the illegal occupation of its territory by the racist régime of South Africa. That Angola has once again resorted to the peace-making and peace-keeping procedures of the Council is testimony to that country's abiding faith in the Council and to its loyalty to the purposes and principles of the United Nations.

44. So far, however, the Council has not lived up to that trust and indeed has not even been able to discharge its primary responsibility in the maintenance of international peace and security. Since 1975 South Africa has violated the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola so many times that it is difficult, if not impossible, to keep the exact count. In keeping with its policy and its respect for the law, Angola has, however, always resorted to the established procedures of the Council both to put an end to South Africa's aggression and to seek compensation for the damages suffered. The Council, more often than not, has responded by condemning the acts of aggression and calling for the withdrawal of the invading forces.

45. All these pronouncements of the Council have, unfortunately, not inhibited the racist régime from pursuing with even increased frequency and total impunity its wanton acts of aggression. While, under the circumstances, the logical course of action would have been the imposition of enforcement measures under Chapter VII of the Charter, the veto power exercised by the Western permanent members has paralysed the Council and prevented it from taking any meaningful measures and made a mockery of its responsibilities under the Charter.

46. Today the rule of law in the conduct of international relations is losing ground and the dangerous policy of "might makes right" is in the ascendant. If this trend were to continue unchecked, the horrible consequences would not be difficult to imagine.

47. It is this concern for the future and a deeply felt sense of solidarity with the Government and people of Angola that have compelled the Ethiopian delegation to participate in the current deliberations of the Council and to express once again its indignation, and indeed the indignation of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and its member States, at the continuing acts of aggression perpetrated by the racist régime against Angola. We are convinced that the situation under consideration is one in which the Council, by upholding the principles of the Charter and by activating its enforcement procedures, can help to check and reverse the current trend towards global anarchy. Angola's complaints therefore have to be given the very serious consideration they deserve. South Africa has to be told in no uncertain terms that it cannot henceforth be allowed to violate with impunity the norms and principles of international law. Furthermore, that régime must be told to withdraw immediately and unconditionally from the territory of Angola.

48. At this juncture, I should like to comment briefly on the much-publicized, yet clearly deceptive, diplomatic overtures of the South African régime. In his letter to the Secretary-General dated 15 December, Mr. R. F. Botha stated:

> "Further to my letter of 22 November 1983, and with a view to facilitating the process of achieving a peaceful settlement of the South West Africa/Namibia issue, the Government of South Africa is prepared to begin a disengagement of forces which from time to time conduct military operations against SWAPO in Angola, on 31 January 1984, on the understanding that this gesture would be reciprocated by the Angolan Government, which would assure that its own forces, SWAPO and the Cubans, would not exploit the resulting situation, in particular with regard to actions which might threaten the security of the inhabitants of South West Africa/Namibia." [*See S/16219, annex I.*]

49. This letter, coming as it does on the eve of the Council debate on Angola's complaint against the racist

régime of South Africa, is a transparent but clever attempt to forestall any meaningful action by the Council. Moreover, it is again a transparent and a seemingly clever attempt on the part of the racist Pretoria régime to link its illegal occupation of parts of southern Angola with the implementation of the United Nations plan for the independence of Namibia.

50. South Africa's seemingly clever proposal, furthermore, is not only vague but overburdened with unacceptable implications. In this regard, it has to be stated that inasmuch as South African forces are occupying the territory of Angola illegally, they have to withdraw immediately and unconditionally. In short, South Africa cannot make conditions for the withdrawal of its forces from Angolan territory. Furthermore, once those forces are withdrawn, the Angolan Government should be able to exercise its legitimate authority over all its territory, in keeping with its sovereign rights.

51. Ethiopia believes that, unless the Pretoria régime elaborates on its proposal, the international community should not give it any serious consideration. And unless such an elaboration clearly shows that there are no preconditions which could detract from Angolan sovereignty, and that there is no linkage with Namibia's independence, the international community should reject the proposal as another ruse that has become the hallmark of Pretoria's diplomacy.

52. Finally, I should like to reaffirm the full support and fraternal solidarity which Angola enjoys in my country, Ethiopia, and, indeed, in the African family of nations. In this connection, I am happy to refer to the resolution adopted by the nineteenth session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity held at Addis Ababa from 6 to 12 June, in which the military occupation by South African troops of part of the territory of Angola was strongly condemned and the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the occupation forces from Angolan territory demanded. Furthermore, the leaders of Africa have, in that resolution, fully supported

> "the measures taken by the Angolan Government, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, in order to guarantee and safeguard the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of the People's Republic of Angola".[1]

53. That said, I should like to express the hope that the decision in the Council on the complaint of Angola against South Africa will be such that it will contribute to the realization of the aspirations of the fraternal people of Angola to live in peace and prosperity.

54. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, Mr. Abdul G. Koroma. I invite him to take a seat at the Council table and to make his statement.

55. Mr. KOROMA: On behalf of the Special Committee on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, I wish to express my appreciation to you, Mr. President, and the other members for this opportunity to address the Council in connection with its consideration of the complaint by Angola.

56. In the same vein, I should like to express my felicitations to Mr. Victor Gauci of Malta for the commendable manner in which he presided over the affairs of the Council last month.

57. This is not the first time that the Council, whose primary responsibility is the maintenance of peace and security, is meeting to consider a complaint by Angola about further acts of military aggression against its territory and occupation by the armed forces of the racist minority régime of South Africa.

58. Over the years the Council has repeatedly adopted resolutions and decisions concerning the blatant breach of the territorial integrity of independent countries by the South African régime, notably those adopted in 1978, 1979 and 1980 [*resolutions 428 (1978), 447 (1979), 454 (1979) and 475 (1980)*], in specific regard to Angola.

59. In those resolutions, the Council in particular condemned strongly the minority racist régime of South Africa for its premeditated, persistent and sustained armed invasions of Angola, which constitute a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country, as well as a serious threat to international peace and security. The Council strongly condemned, also, South Africa's utilization of the international Territory of Namibia as a spring-board for armed incursions and invasions and for the destabilization of Angola.

60. It is three years now since the adoption of the Council's latest decision. We note with deep regret and consternation that we are still confronted with the same situation of continuing defiance by the South African racist minority régime of its solemn obligations under the Charter of the United Nations. The South African forces are still illegally occupying Angolan territory and using the international Territory of Namibia as a springboard for armed invasions and acts of aggression and thus intensifying the threat to the peace and security of the region.

61. The justification constructed by the South African régime for this illegal act must be rejected. The international community cannot accept, even by the furthest stretch of imagination, such an act of aggression perpetrated by the illegal occupier of the international Territory of Namibia under the pretext of the so-called protection of the best interest and security of the people of the Territory whose fundamental rights it has flagrantly denied and continues to deny.

62. The Special Committee categorically rejects the justification constructed by the Pretoria régime for its illegal acts.

63. On the other hand, this dastardly armed invasion and occupation of Angolan territory is the latest and most serious in a long series of deliberate acts of aggression committed by the Pretoria régime against the neighbouring independent States, including Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia.

64. South Africa has continued to deploy its army in the region in order to intimidate the neighbouring African States into silent accomplices while it continues with its colonial occupation of Namibia and attempts to paralyse and destroy Angola in the process.

65. Coming at this time when the international community is intensifying its continuing efforts to bring about a peaceful transition in Namibia and to work out an internationally acceptable solution to the problem, the South African aggression bespeaks the desperate and calculated design of the racist régime to block all avenues towards a negotiated settlement for the genuine independence of the Territory.

66. It is incumbent upon the entire international community not merely to condemn in the strongest possible terms this blatant breach of all norms of international law and the principles of the Charter by the South African minority régime, but also to take concrete steps to redress and to prevent the recurrence of such criminal acts, through the faithful and strict application of the relevant provisions of the Charter. At the same time, all possible support and assistance must be given to the Government of Angola in its efforts to protect and safeguard its territorial integrity and sovereignty. Such support and assistance must be given as well to the people of Namibia for their courageous struggle for liberation under the stalwart leadership of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

67. I wish to stress once again the gravity of the situation brought about by this latest act of aggression against Angola. The international community has a solemn responsibility to act, and act positively, to put an immediate end to the serious threat to international peace and security in the region. It would be not only immoral but also disastrous if the United Nations were to remain neutral in regard to South Africa's aggression and continued occupation of the territory of a Member State. It would also be incompatible with the very *raison d'être* of the Organization and with the system of collective security stipulated in the Charter.

68. In this connection, the Special Committee has long called for the full and effective application of measures under Chapter VII of the Charter, bearing in mind the continuing defiance by South Africa of its obligations under the Charter and its persistent use of force to perpetuate its illegal domination of Namibia, as well as its repeated and increasingly savage acts of aggression against neighbouring independent African States. Indeed, the Special Committee holds the view that it is through implementing the provisions of Chapter VII that peace, justice and freedom can be speedily restored to the peoples of southern Africa.

69. The situation in southern Africa remains one of the most critical issues confronting the Organization. The current developments make it more than clear that the United Nations, which has the direct responsibility for Namibia until the Territory achieves self-determination and independence, can no longer afford the flouting of its decisions. The dangerous situation brought about by the latest acts of aggression against Angola underscores once again the solemn responsibility of the international community to act in conformity with the Charter to eradicate, once and for all, this serious threat to peace and security. To accept, let alone collaborate with, the Pretoria régime's colonial occupation of Namibia is to admit the impotence and ineffectiveness of the Organization. Failure by the Council to curb South Africa's aggression weakens its authority.

70. The attainment without further delay by the people of Namibia of their legitimate aspirations to an independent and free Namibia is indeed the most critical and urgent challenge which confronts us today, and I wish to take this opportunity to address an earnest and urgent appeal to the members of the Council to respond decisively to this challenge.

71. South Africa should not be allowed to replace its obligation to grant independence to Namibia with its aggression and illegal occupation of Angola. The Pretoria régime must be left in no doubt of the international community's determination to ensure Namibia's independence and the restoration of peace, justice and equality in southern Africa.

72. Mr. TROYANOVSKY (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) [*interpretation from Russian*]: Permit me first of all to welcome you, Mr. President, to the important post of President of the Council. We note with satisfaction that you are successfully making use of your rich qualities of statesmanship and diplomatic skill in conducting the proceedings of the Council in this last month of 1983.

73. Permit me also to express our gratitude to your predecessor, Mr. Victor Gauci, who with such great skill discharged the functions of President last month.

74. The Council is once again considering the question of the aggression of the racist Pretoria régime against the sovereign, independent State of Angola. These acts of aggression, as we know, began as far back as the period when Angola won its independence in 1975, and since that time they have not ceased for a single day. Major incursions on the part of South African armed forces into the territory of Angola have been accompanied by constant attacks on Angolan towns and populated areas by airborne units of South Africa,

by bombers and artillery fire; there is a policy of military terror on the part of the racists in all the southern provinces of Angola. Recently the enemies of Angola have stepped up their aggressive actions. Pretoria has now embarked on military actions, new in terms of both scale and quality, with the idea of disrupting the democratic system in Angola and striking blows at the national liberation movement throughout southern Africa.

75. The area of military intervention has expanded. Formerly it was carried out in the southern provinces. Now the targets of aggression are the central and eastern portions of the country. Beginning with the tactic of episodic, spasmodic raids, the enemy has now embarked on attempts to consolidate itself in strategically important points and to create strong points there. The racist invasion forces, particularly the air force and mechanized and airborne units, are operating openly and arrogantly, together with terrorist gangs of UNITA being sent into Angola from Namibia, which is occupied by the racists. Along with this, military operations are going on against other front-line States.

76. As a result of all this, the situation in southern Africa has now considerably worsened. The aggressive actions of the racist Pretoria régime against Angola and other African States constitute a serious and ever-growing threat to their sovereignty and territorial integrity and a threat to international peace and security.

77. Namibia, which is illegally occupied by South Africa, is a spring-board for the waging of war against Angola and other African States. Recently we have seen exposed more and more clearly South Africa's ambition to prevent the Namibian people's attainment of true freedom and independence and to crush by means of cruel repression the liberation struggle of that people and to prevent the coming to power in Namibia of the patriotic forces under the leadership of SWAPO, the sole legitimate representative of the Namibian people.

78. The provocative conduct of the South African régime, which has manifested itself again in the statement made by the representative of South Africa [*2504th meeting*], is to be explained by the fact that Pretoria is benefiting from the patronage of the United States and certain other countries which are members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. They are calling for patience and understanding with regard to the policy of South Africa and are impeding the adoption by the Council of effective measures against the aggressor. As a result of this, the Pretoria authorities are stepping up even further their aggressive actions against neighbouring African States.

79. Pretoria and Washington are attempting to cover up their imperialist policy in Africa by claims that the conflict in southern Africa represents a confrontation between East and West. Last week we heard this from the representative of South Africa, who said that in waging war against neighbouring independent African countries Pretoria, in his words, was defending the interests of the whole of Africa [*ibid., para. 46*].

80. That song is too old, and too familiar: first they raise a hue and cry about the "red peril" or the "hand of Moscow", and then they say, "We have to save Western civilization". Under the cover of this propaganda smoke-screen, they carry out their deliberately planned aggression against neighbouring countries. Such plans are used not only in southern Africa, but also in Central America, in the Caribbean, in the Middle East and in other parts of the world. Incidentally, that is what was done in the 1930s by various parties, when they concluded the notorious anti-Comintern pact and raised such a furor throughout the world about the "danger from the East". They then sent their military machine, first of all, to a place which was certainly not in the East.

81. Claims that the situation in southern Africa is a reflection of an East-West confrontation are believable today only to the very credulous. In fact, the essence of the conflict in that region lies in the struggle between, on the one hand, the national liberation movements of the African peoples, supported by progressive countries throughout the world, and, on the other hand, the combined forces of imperialism, racism and colonialism.

82. Rather than proposing an unconditional halt to aggression in Angola and the withdrawal of its troops, Pretoria is now proposing a sort of "disengagement" and the imposition upon Angola of limitations on its sovereign rights in its own territory, limitations which include "linkage"—that notorious linkage which has been rejected by practically everyone. As was stated quite clearly by the representative of Angola, Mr. de Figueiredo, Angola's sovereignty cannot be the subject of negotiations [*ibid., para. 27*]. South African troops must be withdrawn from Angola immediately, unreservedly and unconditionally, and Angola's sovereignty and territorial integrity must be respected by all, including South Africa.

83. In recent years, the Council has had repeated occasion to discuss the situation which has arisen as a result of the many years of undeclared war that Pretoria has been waging against Angola. It has already condemned the racist régime of South Africa five times for its deliberate, incessant armed intrusions into Angola, describing them as a serious threat to international peace and security [*resolutions 387 (1976), 428 (1978), 447 (1979), 454 (1979) and 475 (1980)*]. In its resolutions, the Council has also demanded that South Africa unswervingly respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola.

84. Further, in paragraph 7 of resolution 475 (1980), the Council decided:

"to meet again in the event of further acts of violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the People's Republic of Angola by the South African racist régime, in order to consider the adoption of more effective measures in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including Chapter VII thereof".

85. The representatives of Angola and other African and non-aligned countries who have spoken in the Council, in particular the representative of India, speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement, have condemned South Africa's aggressive actions against Angola and have demanded that the Council finally take effective measures to force the racist aggressors to halt their atrocities against neighbouring African peoples and to yield to the opinion of the world community.

86. The Soviet delegation associates itself with those demands. We believe that it is high time to adopt effective measures against South Africa in accordance with Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations.

87. In the years of the independent existence of its country, the Angolan people has had considerable success in carrying out social and economic reforms and in building a popular democratic State. But the Angolan people has had to build its new life in extremely difficult conditions.

88. Angola is in the front ranks of the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and racism. The foes of independence and freedom for all of Africa are massed against Angola, but Angola is not alone. It has many friends. The valour of the Angolan people in the struggle against the designs of external and internal foes and for the defence of its country has won it the profound respect of the entire world. The struggle of the Angolan people in defence of a just cause, relying on the solidarity of all progressive forces in the world, will without any doubt be crowned with victory.

89. The position of the Soviet Union on the question under discussion could not be clearer. Our sympathy and support go to free and independent Africa, to the African peoples struggling for freedom and independence. The Soviet Union categorically condemns South Africa's aggressive policy against Angola, the occupation by South African troops of part of Angola's territory, and the direct participation of those troops on an ever-growing scale in military actions making use of UNITA gangs.

90. The Soviet Union is linked to Angola by a treaty of friendship and co-operation; it has been providing and will continue to provide every possible support in the defence of Angola's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

91. We believe that in the present circumstances the Council, as the organ with primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, must do its duty. It must categorically condemn the racist régime of South Africa, demand that it call a halt forthwith to its aggressive actions against Angola and, immediately and unconditionally, withdraw its troops from Angolan territory.

92. The PRESIDENT: The next speaker is the representative of Egypt. I invite him to take a place at the Council table and to make his statement.

93. Mr. KHALIL (Egypt) [*interpretation from Arabic*]: Mr. President, I should like to express my gratitude to you and the other members of the Council for giving the delegation of Egypt the opportunity to participate in the debate on this subject, which is of great importance to international peace and security in general and to Egypt as an African country in particular.

94. At the outset I should like to congratulate you on your accession to the presidency of the Council for this month. On this occasion we would express our pleasure that Egypt and the Netherlands have always enjoyed relations of friendship and co-operation. We are confident that under your wise leadership the Council will be able efficiently to carry out the important task before it.

95. I should also like to express our thanks to your predecessor, Mr. Gauci, the representative of Malta, and President last month, for the skill and diplomatic competence he demonstrated in conducting the business of the Council.

96. Once again Angola finds itself compelled to bring to the attention of the Council the question of the continuing occupation of parts of its territory by the forces of the racist Pretoria régime. As is well known, the aggression by the forces of that régime against Angola started in the first hours of that country's independence. That aggression continued in varying degrees until, in 1981, it was transformed into permanent occupation of some of the southern parts of Angolan territory, giving categorical evidence, if the international community needed such evidence, that the racist South African régime, in its aggression against Angola and its occupation of parts of its territory, seeks the achievement of a single goal: compelling that country to accept without any opposition its colonialist and racist policies and schemes in the region. That explains the material and moral support the Pretoria régime gives to the terrorist movements working against the legitimate régime in Angola.

97. Angola has never constituted a threat to South Africa; it does not constitute such a threat now, and it never will. That is clear.

98. First, on several occasions since Angola's independence, its Government has expressed its sincere wish to achieve peace and stability in southern Africa

and to devote itself to the development process that Angola, like the rest of the third-world countries, urgently needs. Angola has also clearly demonstrated its wish not to engage in any military confrontation with the South African régime.

99. Secondly, the huge military superiority of the aggressive Pretoria régime in itself proves the invalidity of the allegation that South Africa must be protected. On the contrary, the front-line States are the ones that are consistently being subjected to military aggression by the racist régime.

100. Thirdly, it seems the racist Pretoria régime is continuously attempting to ignore the inescapable geographical fact that it has no common borders with Angola. There is between Angola and South Africa a territory that separates them: Namibia, which is illegally occupied by South African forces in defiance of the will of the international community and the resolutions of the United Nations. All of this clearly indicates that the main reason for South Africa's continued aggression against Angola, and its occupation of parts of Angolan territory, is not security, as has been alleged by the Government of the racist régime. Rather, it is its dissatisfaction with the policies of the present legitimate Government of Angola.

101. The peoples of southern Africa in general and the people of Angola in particular have suffered greatly throughout their history as a result of colonialism and foreign occupation and the attendant exploitation of their material and human resources. They are now in dire need of stability and security so that they can devote themselves to the responsibilities of development, make up for last time and catch up with the march of progress, of which they have been deprived in years past.

102. The aggression by the racist Pretoria régime against Angola and against the front-line States not only prevents the peoples and Governments of the region from devoting themselves to the tasks of development; it also inflicts upon them huge losses in life and property as a result of the destruction and havoc caused by this aggression.

103. As for the remark made by the representative of South Africa in his statement to the Security Council on Friday last [*2504th meeting*], when he said that the acts carried out by the forces of the Pretoria régime in the southern parts of Angola were aimed at protecting Africa from external threat, in the face of such an allegation my delegation feels in duty bound to reaffirm here that the acts of aggression and destabilization carried out by South African troops in southern Africa in general, and in Angola in particular, in themselves make possible interference by foreign forces in the affairs of the African continent.

104. It is clear that the continued aggression by South African armed forces against Angola, South Africa's occupation of a part of Angola, and the outcomes and consequences of continuing the present situation, not only for southern Africa but also for other distant and larger regions, put the Council face to face with its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security.

105. Egypt hopes that the Council will play its role in complete consonance with what the international community expects of it: clear and categorical condemnation of South Africa's aggression against Angola and occupation of parts of Angola's territory and the demand that the racist Pretoria régime desist from its aggression and violation of the territorial integrity of Angola, immediately and unconditionally withdraw its forces from Angolan territory and pay appropriate compensation to Angola for the huge losses of life and property it has inflicted on that country in past years.

106. The Egyptian delegation also hopes that the Council will consider the imposition on the Pretoria régime of the sanctions provided for in Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations if that régime fails to implement the Council's resolutions.

107. The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members of the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Cuba in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion, without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Roa Kourí (Cuba) took a place at the Council table.

108. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Cuba.

109. Mr. ROA KOURÍ (Cuba) [*interpretation from Spanish*]: Mr. President, my delegation very much admires the manner in which you are conducting these meetings of the Council. We are convinced that, with your acknowledged talent and your diplomatic experience, you will be able to conduct these proceedings successfully.

110. We should like to take this occasion to pay a tribute to your predecessor, our friend Mr. Gauci of Malta, on the excellent manner in which he presided over the meetings of the Council during the month of November. We should like also to thank the members of the Council for this opportunity to speak in this debate.

111. Since the middle of 1981, when its troops occupied part of southern Angola, in flagrant violation of the territorial integrity and national sovereignty of that country and of international law and the Charter of

the United Nations, the racist régime of Pretoria has persisted in its policy of aggression and expansion, which is a threat to regional and international peace and security.

112. This is, of course, not the first time that the Council has met to consider the Angolan Government's complaints against South Africa. Indeed, a few days after the declaration of Angola's independence, the racist régime tried to prevent that independence by launching a large-scale invasion deep into Angolan territory. The determined and effective action of FAPLA [*Forças Armadas Populares de Libertaçao de Angola*] and the Cuban internationalist forces, whose assistance was requested by the then President, Comrade Agostinho Neto, to defend the national sovereignty and independence that had been so dearly won, thwarted Pretoria's criminal designs and repelled the racist forces.

113. Independent Angola has since then, however, had to protect itself against continued unprovoked South African attacks and aggression and has had to wage periodic battles in the southern provinces against bandits armed, trained and directed by the Pretoria racists and by imperialism. They are developing a policy of harassment of the civilian population and carrying out sabotage of the national economy, as tactics to divert attention from the ferocious raids of Mr. Botha's henchmen on Namibian refugee camps.

114. Since 1976 the Council has adopted various resolutions [*resolutions 387 (1976), 428 (1978), 447 (1979), 454 (1979) and 475 (1980)*] calling on South Africa scrupulously to respect the independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity of Angola; to pay compensation for the damage caused to life and property and forthwith to cease provocative armed invasions and totally and unconditionally to withdraw all its troops from Angolan territory.

115. As a result of the negative vote of one permanent member of the Council, the United States, and the unlimited support its Government gives the Pretoria racists, the South African forces have repeatedly ignored the United Nations call and continue to occupy parts of the southern territory of Angola and to carry out acts of aggression against various targets in the country, openly defying the Organization and world public opinion.

116. Suffice it to read the letter dated 15 December from Mr. R. F. Botha to the Secretary-General to see, once again, the insolent and scornful attitude of the South African racists towards the decisions of the Council. The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the *apartheid* régime states in his letter that "the South African Government remains prepared to begin the process of implementing Security Council resolution 435 (1978) upon resolution of the problem of Cuban forces in Angola" [*see S/16219, annex I*].

117. This condition, which repeats demands of their American allies, has nothing to do with the Angolan complaint that the Council is considering, nor does it have anything to do, of course, with the independence of Namibia, which is not the question before us today.

118. The problem is not the presence of the Cuban internationalist forces in Angola, which are there under a sovereign agreement between two independent Governments, but the occupation by South African criminals of parts of Angolan territory.

119. The first and, in fact, the only thing that must be stated by the representatives of the racist régime is when they will withdraw their invading troops from the territory they are occupying illegally within Angola, and in direct violation of the Charter. This is no more nor less than what the international community, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Angolan Government are requesting. Any other reply is irrelevant and can only be taken as an attempt to confuse the issues and dodge the principal question.

120. Furthermore, it has been made perfectly clear that the presence of my country's internationalist forces is a matter that falls exclusively within the purview of the Governments of Angola and Cuba and that those forces will remain where they are until an end has been put to the danger to Angolan security, sovereignty and independence represented by the continued and, of course, illegal occupation of Namibia and parts of Angolan territory by South African racists.

121. Mr. Botha's letter is just one more manoeuvre by his repressive régime and is motivated solely by Angola's complaint to the Council. It has no other purpose but to set up a smoke-screen around its acts of aggression and outrage against Agostinho Neto's homeland.

122. In fact, as we have stated in this forum and in the General Assembly, the designs of the Pretoria régime and its allies are perfectly clear, albeit illusory: to keep Namibia occupied, where they intend to impose a neo-colonial solution and prevent the triumph of SWAPO, the sole, legitimate representative of the Namibian people; and to work to destabilize the Government of the People's Republic of Angola, with a view to bringing it back to neo-colonial and imperialist domination and turning it into a vassal régime of South Africa.

123. Such a strategy, including the destabilization, overthrow or neutralization of the independent Governments of various neighbouring and front-line States, is meant to create a zone of neo-colonized countries around South Africa which would enable it to preserve and develop its infamous and monstrous system of *apartheid* and to strengthen and extend the spurious interests of imperialism in southern Africa and beyond the region.

124. The Council must vigorously condemn the racist régime for its military occupation of the southern part

of Angola, for this is a threat to international peace and security. It must also demand the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the invading forces from that territory.

125. In addition, South Africa must scrupulously respect the territorial integrity, national sovereignty and independence of Angola and provide speedy and full compensation to its Government for the serious damage caused to its infrastructure and to other vital sectors of the economy and for the loss of life occasioned by the armed invasion and occupation of its territory.

126. The Secretary-General, who has carefully followed the development of the situation in southern Africa, must report to the Council on compliance with whatever resolution is adopted. If South Africa, as it has done in the past, refuses to abide by this body's decisions, then the comprehensive, binding sanctions provided in Chapter VII of the Charter must be applied without further vacillation.

127. It is high time to bridle the South African aggressors. The trotting-out of spurious and irrelevant arguments to explain away the continuation of a situation that violates international law and the Charter is a subterfuge which the Council must not go on accepting or it will become an accomplice in the cheap tricks being used by the racist régime and in its aggressive and expansionist policy.

128. The Council must be strict in its decisions: South African troops must be made to withdraw from Angola, immediately and unconditionally. If they refuse to do so then the full weight of international law must be brought to bear on the Pretoria criminals. This, in our opinion, is the inescapable responsibility of the Council.

129. The PRESIDENT: I should like to inform members of the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Turkey in which he requests to be invited to participate in the discussion of the item on the agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Gökce (Turkey) took a place at the Council table.

130. The PRESIDENT: I call on the representative of Turkey.

131. Mr. GÖKCE (Turkey): Mr. President, I thank you, and through you the members of the Council, for giving me this opportunity to address the Council on the question of the occupation of parts of Angola by South Africa.

132. We have already had the opportunity—last week—to congratulate you on your assumption of the task of presiding over the Council's work during December. It has been, as it usually is in these times, an arduous period of work for the Council, but its work is progressing admirably under your most able and experienced guidance.

133. The crisis created by the invasion of southern Angola by South Africa is an international issue affecting peace and security in all of southern Africa, and it has been on the Council's agenda many times —be it directly, as in 1981, or when it has been dealt with within the framework of South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia.

134. Despite the deep concern and alarm expressed by the international community on these and other occasions over the continuation of this South African invasion of large parts of Angolan territory, South Africa has not hesitated to maintain, and in fact even to consolidate, its hold over the southern part of Angola.

135. For evidence of the true nature of South Africa's intentions on Angola, it will suffice to cast a quick look—quick so as not to take up too much of our time by repeating well-known observations—at the area surrounding South Africa. If we do that, we see that South Africa is engaged in tactics of intimidation, destabilization and eventual domination against all its neighbouring African States. These policies of the South African Government have been condemned on various occasions by all the Members of the United Nations. Concomitantly, it can hardly be denied that these aggressive policies are part and parcel of South Africa's desire to establish supremacy in southern Africa, which in turn is designed to enable South Africa to eliminate all resistance to the continuation of its deplorable internal policies of racial discrimination, and its illegal occupation of Namibia.

136. Under these circumstances, Angola has every justifiable reason to call once more on the international community, and particularly the Council, to ensure the speedy withdrawal of South African military forces from its territory. When it is considered that Angola has been the target of attacks by South Africa ever since the moment Angola achieved its independence in 1975, and that these attacks and occupation have increased in their severity during the past three years, the Council should be prepared to consider effective measures against South Africa. It becomes evident that only if South Africa totally reverses its intransigent and belligerent attitude can a solution be found to this situation.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.

NOTE

[1] A/38/312, annex, resolution AHG/Res. III (XIX).

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